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THE "Liberal Republicans" are again hard at work in Ohio, and we - have before us a circular of the State Committee, dated July 17, and signed by General Brinkerhoff, the chairman, calling on all "workers" of the party to present themselves in Columbus on the 30th inst., to join the Democrats in a mass convention, which is to take into consideration the fact "that corruption in appalling proportions pervades all the political avenues of the country." This is, no doubt, a very dreadful fact, but we question whether a consultation of Democrats and "Liberal Republicans" will do anything to better it. Corruption cannot be cured by reformers without principle, and the class of reformers who figure just now as Liberal Republicans belong, in our opinion, to that category. General Brinkerhoff, in particular, is one of the high-minded sages and free-traders who got up the Cincinnati Convention, and then fell to bellowing for the election to the Presidency of the greatest protectionist in the world, and one of the most active political "engineers" in the country. Anybody who, after this, pays any attention to General Brinkerhoff's "calls" must, it seems to us, be either a very simple person or a person greatly pressed for some occupation. Nobody who goes into a convention with politicians of this stamp can tell how it will end. They may open with prayer, and conclude, like the witches of old times, by worshipping Satan in the guise of a black goat. If we might offer advice to General Brinkerhoff, and General Cochrane, and the other managers who ran the unfortunate Mr. Greeley for the Presidency, it would be to retire for a year or two into strictly private life. They did enormous mischief last summer, the effects of which are still apparent; and there is, therefore, still something ludicrous in their anxiety about the "appalling proportions" of corruption, and the condition of our "political avenues."

The Chicago Tribune replies to the charge of immorality, or, to speak plainly, of fraud, which we brought against its new plan of ascertaining what are "reasonable rates of transportation," by quoting from a lawyer's brief a number of familiar legal propositions showing that corporations are the creatures of the state, and that if they do anything that the charter does not authorize, the state may eat them up. To which we reply that, in the first place, we do not believe that one railroad corporation in fifty has violated the law in its issues of stock; and that, moreover, from the moral point of view the position of "the people" would be no better if they had all violated it. In fact, if the law be against the corporations, the position of "the people" more closely resembles Ben Butler's in 1870 than we thought it did. Ben said, and Senator Morton said, that the United States were not legally bound by the declarations made in the House of Representatives, and by the Secretary of the Treasury, when the bonds were issued, to pay them in coin, and that they might be paid in paper all the same; which was quite true. But all concerned in paying them in paper would none the less have been knaves, because they had all stood by silent while the bonds were being sold, thus acquiescing in the construction put at the time of the loan on the terms of the contract. So also "the people" have stood by these thirty years while the railroads were issuing "fictitious stock," and while the holders were selling it in open market, without uttering one word of protest or warning against the illegality of the transaction, without ever mentioning Marshall or Story or any other great light of jurispru-Therefore to come forward now, after this stock has passed into the hands of innocent holders, and declare that it must be confiscated, in order to enable Western farmers to get their crops

to market more cheaply, and thus relieve them from the consequences of their own neglect or indiscretion is—well, we hardly know what to call it. It strikingly resembles that mode of raising money known as the "panel game." We advise both "the people" and the *Tribune* to begin the study of the question, not by examining lawyers' briefs, but by reading their Bible, or some plain, sensible book on morals—say Paley.

There is not much news of importance with regard to the farmers. Ever since the election of Judge Craig they have been making strenuous efforts to show that the election is not to be taken as indicating any desire to strike at the independence of the judiciary. One method of proving this is by asserting that Judge Lawrence, the opposing candidate, defeated his own re-election by writing a letter criticising in a contemptuous manner the people's convention. A correspondent of the Tribune writes that, on reading this letter, the people went against Judge Lawrence to a man without regard to party. Another method of proof is by asking for the production of the pledges which Judge Craig has given. It is not common, however, for candidates for judgeships to sign written contracts in blood, selling their souls to the party which elects them at so much per term, and it ought to be remembered, too, that Judge Craig is said by some persons to be pledged to the railroads. Pledges of this sort are usually involved in the acceptance of the nomination. The activity among the politicians meantime is said to be agonizing. They are preparing themselves to go before the people in advocacy of farmers' rights in all sorts of ways. One prominent politician, General Samuel F. Cary, is said, by his enemies, to be practising sleeping on a hay-mow; another is vigorously at work with a reaping-machine; and a third, Mr. Ignatius Donnelly, is said to be tramping up and down his State in homespun "hickory" trowsers and without stockings. The political changes now going on will evidently in time give us a little of that picturesqueness the absence of which from American society we have all of us so often deplored.

The Boston meeting of the opponents of General Butler will at least call the attention of the respectable citizens of Massachusetts to the danger in which they now are, and to do that well would perhaps be an assurance of one more failure and break-down for Butler. Judge Hoar, in the course of his speech, related an incident which perfectly sets forth Butler in one of his many odorous characters, that of a criminal lawyer of a certain kind. It seems that a fortnight ago an informal meeting was held at Judge Hoar's office, for the purpose of considering how Butler was to be prevented from making prize of the primary caucuses. It was a secret conference, no reporters were present, and yet in the afternoon the Traveller contained what professed to be a true account of the meeting. It was observed at the time, said Judge Hoar, that while the conference was in progress three persons were observed coming from "the office of a person who has attempted to become the Governor of this State," and afterwards returning to the same room, one of them in the meantime, under pretext of finding a man with whom he had business, opening the door and looking in to see who were present. Judge Hoar's christening of Butler as "the Tichborne Claimant" will not, after this tale, seem too far out of order. But, indeed, fraud and eavesdropping are no new accomplishments of his. The conference of last Friday appointed a sort of rallying committee "to preserve the integrity of the Republican party," integrity probably being used in a double sense; and also a committee to prepare an address to the people. About half the members of the State Central Committee are understood to have fallen a prey to Butler; hence the need of these outside labors; for their success a vast majority of the people of this country, inside Massachusetts and outside, may rightly pray.

Before the committee have prepared their address we have one from a prohibitionist of the better sort, which will very well supplement the other document. It is the work of a clergyman of Mendon, the same man who, on the 4th of July, received from Butler the impudent and imprudent evasive answer to the question whether he was in favor of a prohibitory law. It is worth noting that in this contest with Butler, as in that of two years ago, it is a clergyman who does some of the most useful writing against him, Rev. Mr. Twining, of Cambridge, having hit him as hard before as Mr. Clark now. These are some of the objections which Mr. Clark urges, and doubtless to the true prohibitionist they will seem quite as forcible as to others: First and in general, we have the one objection to the new candidacy which the new candidate probably finds the most utterly unintelligible of all. On this occasion it takes the form "God is not dead;" He still is a lover of righteousness and decency, and it is well to remember that fact in political as in other actions. After this follow the specific points: In the first place, the Governor alone cannot enforce the liquor law, and Massachusetts neither wants nor needs the one-man military power. To execute the law properly, there must be the co-operative effort with an honest executive of the judges, municipal officers of all grades, prosecuting officers and jurors, and this, although Mr. Clark does not say so, it will be a long day before we anywhere see. In the courts themselves, he says, the law finds very great obstacles, and in the perfidy of officials. And were this otherwise, how can a single hundred constables, scattered among a million four hundred thousand people, and in the face of local opposition in many places, enforce a law so difficult of enforcement as the prohibitory law? Governor Washburn has gone further to make the law effective than any other governor; he came out in favor of it in his first inaugural address, a thing which any one who likes may try to imagine the "man of pluck" doing. Mr. Clark cannot. And had Mr. Washburn's suggestion been heeded, and apothecaries put on the same footing with other dealers in spirits, many places of sale now open would have been closed; but the Chairman of the Liquor Committee in the House got on stilts, and nothing came of the Governor's suggestion. Finally, Governor Washburn is a sober man, while Butler, the prohibitionist candidate in posse, drinks liquors himself, invites others to do the same, and, by purchasing them, tempts dealers to violate a statute which he will not say whether he favors or not. This is the nineteenth century after the beginning of the Christian era, and yet it is necessary, and in Massachusetts, to write letters and appoint rallying committees against a gentleman of this kidney.

The opinion of Judge Blatchford in the case of Carl Vogt, deciding that he must be surrendered to Prussia to be tried for the crimes of murder, arson, and robbery, committed in Belgium, has been overruled by the Attorney-General. Vogt is a Prussian, but the crimes with the commission of which he is charged were committed in Belgium. The United States has no extradition treaty with Belgium, but it has with Prussia a treaty made in 1852, which covers certain crimes (including those with which Vogt is charged) "committed within the jurisdiction of either party." The German Government set up the theory in the Vogt case, that though the crimes were committed in Belgium, nevertheless Prussia-inasmuch as it has a sort of constructive personal jurisdiction over its citizens wherever they may be, and is accustomed for this reason to try them for offences committed even on foreign soil, when the criminals can be eaught-was entitled to his extradition, on the ground that the erimes were committed "within the jurisdiction" of Prussia, according to the terms of the treaty. Judge Blatchford, on this ground, held that Vogt must be surrendered; but the Attorney-General decides the other way, saying that no one ever before heard of such a construction of the term "within the jurisdiction," that the practical result of such a construction would be that the jurisdiction of Prussia is coterminous with that of the entire earth, and that the junisdiction of a country is really coextensive with the territorial area which it practically controls. The decision seems perfectly sound, though it will naturally puzzle the German Government to know

why such a case, finally to be decided by the Attorney-General, first went through Judge Blatchford's court.

The Crispins have had a convention in Boston, at which a rather dismal account was given of the condition of the organization. At Lynn, its cradle and headquarters, there were two years ago 2,500 names on the roll; now there are only 1,500. There were not enough delegates at the convention to form a quorum. Worse than all, the officers have largely embezzled the funds, and the body has been torn by internal dissensions. Indeed, it is on its last legs. The causes of the decline assigned by the delegates are, as usual, the abuse of power. The organization attempted interference with individual liberty-a thing which human nature in that latitude would not tolerate; in other words, it became unbearably tyrannical. The only large trades-union which has maintained itself successfully for years is the Amalgamated Engineers in England, and it owes its success to the extraordinary care with which it has abstained from over-interference. There is no doubt that such organizations might, if properly conducted, do great good, but either the resources open to the working-man in America are too numerous to allow of the necessary cohesiveness, or the supply of administrative talent among the working-men is not sufficiently great. The Crispins certainly revealed little or none.

We were wrong, it seems, in treating as of little importance the Lord Gordon affair. Though it is true that there is no great likelihood of the matter's furnishing a casus belli between England and this country, it is still of deep interest from its bearing on international law and the development it has given to the "right of hot pursuit." Most writers who have treated this subject have assumed that the right in question was like the right of "stoppage in transitu," a right which, when once exercised, was completely at an end. But it seems, from the latest news from Manitoba, that this is not the correct view. Mr. Bradley, the Custom-House officer who was not only present at the capture of the American kidnappers, but aided in arresting them, has made a positive statement to a correspondent of the Minneapolis Tribune, to the effect that this recapture was made about 110 yards south of the 49th parallel, the boundary line, on American soil. It would seem from this that the hot pursuit is a reciprocal and "transitory" right, and that on the passage of the pursuing party over the border, the right vests in the party pursued, the duty of being retaken now imposing itself on the original pursuers. This seems at any rate to be the opinion of Judge McKenzie, of the local Court of Queen's Bench; he has just sent four of the American party to a British dungeon, and admitted one, about whose guilt he says he has some doubt, to bail.

That part of Baltimore which was destroyed by fire last Thursday was chiefly occupied by small stores and factories and "common-class" houses. The fire broke out in the engine-room of a four-story brick steam planing-mill. As usual, the building was enveloped in flames before the steamers arrived, and there being a stiff breeze from the southwest, and the roofs of many of the houses being shingled, the fire had plenty of draught and plenty of fuel. By great exertion it was put out, with a loss of from half a million to a million. Owing to the sensational despatches sent over the telegraph wires, people in New York supposed for some time that Baltimore was likely to be entirely destroyed; but fortunately the news came in the afternoon, and afternoon despatches have not in all cases that weight with the public which is the reward of the virtues of accuracy and good judgment. It is unnecessary to say that carelessness in building was the primary cause of this as of all the other recent large fires.

The position of referee in a boat race bids fair to become an extremely warm one. The latest charge that we have seen brought against Mr. J. C. Babcock, who acted in that capacity at Springfield, is that had the race "been finished at high noon, he was in no condition to be referred to for a decision on any point." As this implies drunkenness on duty, and might incite to a libel suit, it has since been

retracted, but the retraction is of a kind well known to journalists, and in it some of the other accusations are revived. They are very numerous, for after the general bungling of the Regatta Committee -youths of small knowledge of boating and little judgment-of the Springfield Club, and of others in authority, it is so difficult to apportion the blame to individuals that the one person visible and prominent is made the scapegoat. And we may remark that a scapegoat is likely to have a heavy load laid on him when in his ignorancee of the feuds and heart-burnings that devastate our profession of journalism, he is innocent enough to give so important a letter as Mr. Babcock's of Saturday, not to the Associated Press, as it would have been shrewd to do, but to one alone of our contemporaries. Mr. Babcock appears not to have known that for one little moment a letter from him was of more importance to the newspaper man than many columns about the Shab, and it was naturally exasperating to the rest of us to find his letter in the Herald alone, and not everywhere else. But in the interests of justice, several things in regard to a referee's duty and the history of this muddle should be borne in mind. Some of these are, that Mr. Babcock could hardly have been hostile to Yale, he having been Yale's choice for umpire and her nominee: that the Yale men consulted the common interest in nominating Mr. Babcock, he being President of the Harlem Rowing Association, a committee-man on rules in the National Association, an experienced oar, and having already been referee in college regattas and in the race between the Atalantas and Harvards. Another is, that it is no part of a referee's duty to provide a steam craft fast enough to carry him over the course close behind the crews, where he ought to be. Nor to provide a piece of ordnance. Nor to row about to eleven boat-houses, as Mr. Babcock had to do, and tell the crews it was time to go to the score. These things are somebody's duty, but not the referee's. Two other things are, that he is not, ex-officio, the custodian of the flags, and that, as a matter of fact, he was not in this case the custodian of them, although they were aboard his boat in the charge of a member of the Regatta Committee. Another is, that never in the history of the world till now was any finish-line of a race stretched otherwise than at right angles with the line of the course. Let a race be rowed along a letter S three miles long, or up and down a letter U, and still the finish-line would instinctively be placed at a right angle with the bank of a course so shaped. But the management of the race throughout was entirely bungled, and we now learn that, so conflicting is the evidence of the judges, it will not be possible to place any of the boats that have not yet been placed.

The news from England does not seem favorable to the hopes of those who are mainly interested in the contract between the Shah of Persia and Baron Reuter-that is, the Shah and the Baron themselves. The contract, which practically gives Reuter the right to collect the revenues of Persia for a long term of years, and to build railroads and canals and other internal improvements, seems rather startling to British capitalists, who are now asked to invest their money in the enterprise. Of course, Baron Reuter's plan is to get up a company, or a syndicate, or a combination, and begin floating all sorts of Persian scrip, but the capitalists' objection is the extreme remoteness of their remedy in case the contract is violated in any way. It all rests on the good faith of the Shah, a barbarous despot, about whose moral character little is known-for the chance of any European country's going to war for the sake of enforcing Reuter's contract is very remote. Mr. Whalley, one of the parliamentary friends of "the Claimant," is coming over to the United States to raise money for that gentleman; perhaps Baron Reuter will make a trip here for the purpose of floating Oriental loans on the New York market. The rivalry between a Tichborne syndicate and a syndicate engaged in placing on the market Persian 6's or Teheran and Bassorah air-line 7-30 convertible gold bonds, would probably be something unequalled in the annals of American finance.

Señor Salmeron, the President of the Spanish Republic, held a council of generals last week, in order to see what had better be done, and they advised him to call out "90,000 men of the reserves." This seems to give the finishing touch to the revolutionary puzzle. because the great want at present is not men, but discipline, and unless this can be supplied there is, in the first place, no likelihood that "the 90,000 men of the reserves" will obey the call; and, in the second place, no likelihood that, if they do, they will, when enrolled, be anything better than a band of mutinous and dangerous ruffians. The disorganization of the army, which is bringing not the Republic only but Spanish society to the verge of dissolution, began under the late King, when the Radical Ministry insisted on putting a man of low character, who had once headed a revolt, in a high command, in spite of the protests of the King and the best officers. It was continued by the execution of Castelar's grand idea of abolishing the conscription, a reform which he ought to have confined to his magazine articles until he got his republic established. The way things were going, and the condition of opinion on military matters in the Cortes, were well illustrated three weeks ago, when one Estavenez appeared in one of Pi y Margall's cabinets as Minister of War. He was incontinently denounced as an inferior officer of the line, who had deserted in Cuba. He calmly rose in his place and acknowledged, with the kind of bravado with which Butler has made us familiar in this country, that he had deserted, but that he had done so because he had no taste for the service, and thought it would be better without him. Far from resigning his place in the Cabinet, however, he held it until the next general change. With facts such as these before us, the demoralization of the private soldiers is not surprising.

The Germans appear to have been got into a scrape by one of their frigates seizing on one of the revolted Spanish gunboats. The insurgents now threaten to seize on all the German shipping in the harbor of Carthagena. Some efforts appear to be in progress to reduce some of the insurgent cities, but there is no force to restore order generally, and nothing but the actual presence of troops seems sufficient to maintain it anywhere. The Carlists continue apparently to gather strength. The World of this city, while acknowledging the dreadful condition of Spanish affairs, tries to excuse the leaders of the Revolution, by saying that they did not foresee the construction the peasantry and artisans would put on their preaching. But then they ought to have foreseen it. It is the business of politicians above all things to foresee, and to know the character of their audience before they begin preaching. Half the stuff which philosophical radicals talk to the people in Europe to-day would be harmless at a meeting of a scientific association, but delivered in the street, it fills the heads of ignorant men with the wildest and most dangerous delusions. The only good sign in Spanish politics is the report of a meeting of liberal emigrés at Biarritz, in France, presided over by Marshal Serrano, offering, through Admiral Topete, their support to Salmeron in his effort to restore order. This is the first indication that has come for a long time from any respectable quarter that there are Spaniards who think more of their country than of their own aggrandizement.

A German correspondent calls our attention to the fact that Prince Bismarck's resignation of the Prussian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is an event of no particular significance so long as he retains the Chancellorship of the Empire, inasmuch as Prussian "foreign affairs" are now simply the relations of Prussia with the other German States. As Chancellor of the Empire, on the other hand, he has charge of the foreign affairs of the Empire, or, in other words, is the real Foreign Minister of the Confederation. The same correspondent also informs us, in correction of a statement in our issue of July 17, that the refusal of the Catholic bishops to obey the law with regard to the ecclesiastical seminaries will entail simply the exclusion of the graduates of these seminaries from the exercise of sacerdotal functions, and not the closing of the seminaries by the police.

ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE FARMERS' MOVEMENT.

WE pointed out a fortnight ago the baselessness of the popular notion that the railroads were making enormous profits at the expense of the community. A very few railroads in the more densely peopled regions make fair dividends for a few years at a time; but no general legislation for the regulation of railroads can be based on the history or condition of a few. The railroads of the country taken together are an unprofitable enterprise, and do not pay the owners the ordinary rate of interest on the cost of constructing them. In other words, the community at large gets the work of transporting goods and passengers over the vast area occupied by population in the United States, done for it at a loss by a small body of venturesome individuals. This loss on the part of the owners is doubtless not wholly due to the lowness of the charges or the scarcity of traffic. It is in part the result of want of economy in management, as is shown by the number of poor, non-paying roads which become paying when they pass into the hands of able and skilful men. But even with the best management obtainable, there are only a very few roads in the country which would yield the ordinary average rate of profit which is yielded by capital in other kinds of business. It is evident, then, that any attempt to cut down rates by law, or, what is the same thing, seriously impede the conduct of the enterprise in the manner the owners think most conducive to their interest, must lead to the abandonment of the roads, or, in other words, their virtual confiscation. If the state worked them so as to make them pay interest on their cost, there would be the same complaints as to the charges which there are now, and others of a more serious kind as to other things. If it did not work them so as to make them pay such interest, they would become a charge on the whole body of taxpayers, which might or might not be a desirable consummation, but is certainly not one for which the public is yet prepared. We believe, on the other hand, that if there be anything of which the country is thoroughly sick, it is of legislative or general governmental interference with the making and working of railroads. It has proved thus far, and even on the small scale on which it has been tried, a fountain of corruption.

We have more than once pointed out what we conceive to be the real abuses of railroad management. If we are now asked whether we mean to say that there is nothing in the Western farmers' complaint that a third of their crop is consumed in getting it to market, we answer that there is something in it, but apparently not what they imagine. If we are asked, farther, whether it is not a horrible thing that corn should be used as fuel in Iowa when so many millions of people all over the world are short of food, we reply also that we do not see anything particularly horrible about it. Distance is one of the facts of nature to be accepted and dealt with like other facts of nature-rationally. If a man chooses to go out into the wilderness without roads, wagons, or any other means of reaching a market, and plant ten times as much corn as he and his family can consume, and then, in the fall, begins to wail and lament because he cannot find a purchaser for it, nobody pays any attention to him, or people content themselves with telling him that he ought to have bethought himself of the market before he built his house or put in. his crop. If he begins to weep and ask whether he must use it for fuel, they tell him unhesitatingly that it is his duty and privilege to do so, if he cannot turn it to any better account; that he is no more bound to trouble himself about the starving poor in England, and India, and China, than about the houseless poor in New York, when he is surrounded by leagues of trees. If he were still to refuse to be comforted, and were to maintain that large numbers of industrious people in the East and in England ought to club their savings and cut a wagon-road to his house, load up his corn, and cart it off as far East as may be necessary to secure him a fair price for it, we should simply laugh and walk off.

And yet the foregoing would be, with a few trifling changes, a fair statement of the case of the Western farmers against the rail-reads in the matter of charges. At the bottom of the grievance lies the great fact that agriculture at the West has been overdone,

just as, before the gold discoveries, sheep-farming was overdone in Australia. The invention of railroads, and the encouragement given to their construction since 1836, have enabled large bodies of settlers to push out into the wilderness, where they form one of the sparsest populations in the world, on one of the richest soils. The application of machinery to the cultivation of the soil has, however, released them from the restraints in their operations which the scarcity of labor would otherwise have imposed. The consequence has been that they have gone into corn and cattle raising in the most reckless way, and apparently on the theory that, as all mankind need bread and meat, there could not be in any place a redundancy of food. They got on pretty well under the low tariff and taxation of the period before the war. They got on even better during the rising markets, the inflation of the currency, and the prodigious waste of food and clothing wrought by the war, and during the last ten years the pouring of population into agricultural pursuits in the West has been greater than ever, while the markets are farther off than they were in 1860. The result is that they at last begin to find the situation unendurable. They have more corn and bacon and wheat than they can dispose of, and looking about to see what is the matter, they find that if they could get these commodities to New York or Liverpool without paying for transportation, they could sell them at a profit; so they insist that somebody shall do this work of transportation for them, cost what it may. Of course they are ready to impose the job on the railroads, as the railroads are in their power. The Australian wool-growers would have made ship-owners take their wool to Liverpool for next to nothing if they had had similar control over them. The desire in both cases is the old one—to make other people somehow protect you against the consequences of your own mistakes. It does not present itself to the farmer's mind in this shape, we admit, and it is disguised from him somewhat by the fact that the railroads are the only great highways he has, and his reasoning is naturally influenced by the common-law doctrines and traditions about public roads. He forgets that the state supplied nothing of the old highways but'the track; that each individual who used it provided his own rollingstock and kept it in repair, acted as his own superintendent, brakeman, conductor, and driver, and bore all the loss of collisions, floods, and fires. That may have been a better state of things than the present one, but we cannot go back to it.

We have said that the markets have been during the last ten years farther from the Western farmer than ever. This is literally true, though we see as yet but little or no adequate recognition of the fact in the agitation now going on. While the agriculturists have been pushing out further and further into the West, the high-tariff men have been pushing New York and Liverpool-or, in other words, the places where he must sell his grain—further and further into the East. Distance, it must be remembered, is, from the commercial stand-point, not a question of time, but of money. The only reason why a man objects to having his goods a long while on their way to the market is that he loses interest on their value while they are in transit, and he has to pay more for their carriage. Therefore, any addition to the cost of carriage is the equivalent of an addition to the distance. If it costs a dollar to send a bushel of corn from Chicago to New York, and the price be raised to two dollars, it is the same thing commercially as if the distance were increased from 900 miles to 1,800.

Now, this is exactly what the tariff legislation of the last ten years has been doing. The enormous increase it has wrought in the cost of the machinery of transportation has, pro tanto, added to the distance which separates the consuming East from the producing West, or, in other words, has pushed the farmer farther out into the wilderness. The same result has been accomplished in a slightly different way by the obstacles offered to the sale of foreign goods to the farmer. The more difficult it is made for the foreigner to sell his products here, of course the more difficult it is for him to buy ours, which is the equivalent of putting him farther away. Every ten per cent. added to our tariff puts the Englishman and Frenchman

who longs for our beef and wheat so many miles farther off from them. He has to buy with what he makes, and the harder it is for him to get to us with what he makes, the less he can afford to purchase when he reaches us, or, in other words, the farther he has to travel, less money he has at the end of his journey.

There is another important element in this transportation problem to which we have more than once made allusion in discussing the conditions of agricultural life in the United States. frontiersmen of the ante-railroad period were, like the European peasantry, a hardy, simple-minded, rough breed of men, with very rude tastes and very few wants. When they went out into the wilderness they did it well knowing that they left civilization bebind, and neither desiring nor expecting a market for their products. They dressed in leather or homespun, and ate what they raised or killed. If they had more corn than they needed, they burnt it or threw it away without qualms or regrets, or considering what it would bring in New York. They were, too, tolerably ignorant of book-learning, and cared nothing about music, except that of the dancing-fiddle. Their lives, if coarse and laborious and full of hardships, were, on the whole, tolerably contented. They swore, and drank, and fought, but they were not troubled with problems of political economy. Our modern frontiersman, who clings to the railroads out along the prairies, is a very different person. He insists on being followed up by all the modern conveniences. Not only must be have a church and school, but he must have the newspapers and magazines, and his wife and daughters must have a piano and silk dresses, and the new novels, and their minds, instead of being intent on the homely joys of the forest and the prairie, are vexed by the social and religious discussions of the far East. They want to hear Froude lecture, wonder what Plymouth Church is going to do with Bowen, would like a chance of listening to Lucca, are eager to try the newest thing in stoves, and wonder what the Emperor of Austria will think of the Illinois school-house at the Vienna Exhibition. Now, no railroad that pays interest on its cost will ever satisfy a population of this sort by its rates, as long as this population is dependent on agricultural products, raised two thousand miles from the Atlantic seaboard, for the gratification of its multifarious and growing wants. Either the West must go back to simpler ways, or it must bring itself into closer relations with the densely peopled countries of the East, by removing artificial obstacles. In short, we must elect whether our tariff legislation shall encourage agriculture or manufactures, or let both alone. If we decide for manufactures as at present, why, farmers must grin and bear it.

PAID AND UNPAID LEGISLATORS.

THE speech of Senator Carpenter to the people of Wisconsin in defence of his course in the salary business certainly abounds in candor, and in the matter of Washington expenses and the general niggardliness of United States salaries, contains some very healthy facts for the consideration of a Western or rather of a country audience. It must have been an almost incredible statement to the rural population of the West and to the well-to-do mechanics of Western towns that the leading lawyer of Wisconsin does not own the house he lives in, neither in Washington nor in Milwaukee; that he owns nothing in the world except a library of 15,000 volumes and an insurance policy upon his life of \$50,000. It must also astonish them to be told by a politician, not that all public men should live with the economy and simplicity of "hard-fisted" farmers, and that the salaries now paid are much greater than the incomes of the agricultural constituencies, but that as much as \$6,500 is actually expended by their Senator for house-rent, office-rent, and insurance; or, as Mr. Carpenter rather cleverly puts it:

"These items give \$6,550 of indispensable expense. There is not a meal of victuals in that sum, no clothing for my family, not a shirt for myself, no school-books for my babies, no carriage hire, no doctor's bills, no contributions for the preaching of the Gospel, no charities to the poor, no contribution to pay the expenses of Wisconsin office-seekers who have failed in their application and have to be sent home at the expense of the delegation."

From such personal considerations as these, the Senator pro-

ceeds to argue that the American system of government forbids the gratuitous services of legislators, "senators and representatives shall receive a compensation for their services" being the language of the Constitution; and that the earlier Congresses which fixed the amount of their own pay, or provided for its increase without the disapproval of the country, did just what the last Congress did, neither more nor less. While this speech contains much that is true so far as relates to the expenses of city life and of public men, and the general inadequacy of salaries, the deductions which Mr. Carpenter draws from his premises are utterly false. And as this ingenious and plausible speech has been industriously reprinted and widely circulated, and cannot but produce some effect, we will here point out the fallacy of its conclusion.

There are three distinctions between the last increase of the Congressional pay and those of which the country has not disapproved, and it is these differences which stamp the last as wrong. and cross the public sense of what is proper and right. First, the former Congresses provided for the pay of officers of the Government before they touched their own, and they then fixed or increased their pay in due proportion to what they allowed other official persons. This Congress shamefully neglected the executive and judicial departments, dishonestly selecting a few officers from each as scapegoats for their own delinquency, and pushing their own rate of compensation out of all proportion. As we have before shown, the pay of the Congressmen at first was designed to be only about one-fourth of the salary of the Chief-Justice of the United States: but at the ratio of advancement which has prevailed during the last eight years, the next increase will carry the pay of three hundred members higher than that of the nine judges of the Supreme Court. In the second place, the former increases of salary were not wholly and absolutely retroactive. To a certain extent they were retroactive, as they necessarily were passed during the session, and not at the beginning. To a certain extent they were wrong; for no increase should be in the slightest degree retroactive, and no Congress should increase its own compensation. Hereafter, let us hope, public sentiment will require an increase to be absolutely prospective-so prospective that a Congressional election shall intervene before the change shall take effect. Undoubtedly, many who vote for such a prospective increase will be the gainers from it, either as Senators whose terms extend over, or as re-elected members; but the power of men to vote themselves unlimited sums, which no legal remedy can recover, and no constitutional power can cheek, will be practically brought under public control. It was the unconscionable exercise of this unlimited power by the last Congress, at a time when the services of the members had ended, and when the Presidential and Congressional elections were over, that not only incensed, but also alarmed the public mind. In the third place (and this is the worst part of the "salary-grab"), the former increases of salary-that is, those which were not censured by the country—were fairly brought before Congress by a bill for that purpose, standing on their own merits so far as they had merits, and leaving members free to vote against them, and allowing other members no evasion of responsibility if they voted for them. The "salary-grab," on the contrary, was an extraordinary tissue of legislative trickery, designed to coerce one man, bribe another, and give loopholes of escape to all. It was fastened, in the last days of the session, to an important appropriation bill; whereby such men as General Garfield, who had expended months of labor on the bill, were coerced into the mistake of voting for it, rather than see the product of their winter's work destroyed. The proposition was improperly coupled with an increase of a few other salaries, having nothing to do with that of Congress, the intention being not a general comprehensive increase of all salaries, including the legislative, but an increase of all legislative salaries, say three hundred in number, with a shallow pretence of fairness in adding less than a dozen from the executive and judicial departments. The constitutional right of the country to the veto of the executive was tampered with by offering the President a bribe in the bill of \$100,000

The time at which these nefarious legislative practices were suddenly sprung upon the country—after the deliberative work of the session was over and when the life of that Congress was expiring, and a re-elected President about to begin his last term—completed the extraordinary combination and coincidences of what was reprehensible and inexcusable in this piece of legislative work.

But a question of much more general importance is suggested by this speech. Should legislators be paid? and if so, should their compensation equal that of the higher executive and judicial officers of the Government? Mr. Carpenter cites the attempt that was made in the convention to have the Senate an unpaid body, representing the wealth of the country, and the fact that the present millionaires of the Senate all voted against an increase of pay. According to Mr. Carpenter, these gentlemen would now prefer to do away with all pay, so as to secure for colleagues men of wealth and respectability. But an unpaid legislature, Mr. Carpenter thinks, would be absolutely antagonistic to the principle of the Constitution, which designed the American Government to be a poor man's government, and to that end provided means for having the poor man take part in both making and administering law. As an illustration, this is most unfortunate. Congress, instead of being a poor man's legislature, is the legislature of "large interests" and of "great corporations." While the unpaid members of Parliament were forcing the English railways to run cheap trains for poor men, which the popular gratitude has termed "Parliamentary trains," Congress has been giving away the public lands to railway corporations. While the rich men of the House of Commons were keeping Hampstead Heath open for the poor of London against the encroachments of a rich nobleman, Congress was presenting Mr. Thomas Scott with \$300,000 worth of property in one of the parks of Washington. During the past year the Supreme Court has affirmed the validity of what are known as the Twenty Per Cent. cases, in which something like twenty-one hundred laboring men were interested. Yet Congress, while the test-cases were pending, took away from the Treasury the power to audit and pay them after a decision should be reached, and it has actually compelled each of these twenty-one hundred laboring men to bring his individual suit in the Court of Claims to recover on an average about \$125, where the Attorney-General was compelled to admit that the Government had no defence-and this at the very time that Mr. Carpenter and his associates were voting themselves a gratuity of \$5,000 apiece, and raising their prospective compensation fifty per cent. per annum. With such facts before the country, it is both untruthful and foolish for Mr. Carpenter to set up his paid legislature as the representative body of poor men. The experience of mankind shows pretty conclusively that when a poor man has brains or energy enough to push his way into a legislative body, he is much more apt to be intent on getting rich himself, than on looking after the interests of his fellows in poverty. The welfare of the poor depends, as it always has depended, upon the cultivated intelligence and conscientious sympathy of the legislator, and these qualities, all the world over, are least found in men who are engaged in the struggle of getting their heads higher than their neighbors'.

The truth is that, in the first days of the Republic, the compensation of members was simply an absolute necessity. Undoubtedly there were then rich men in the country, but not in such numbers nor so distributed as to secure a gratuitous representation. Washington was so embarrassed in his circumstances that he was compelled to ask the Treasury to advance him a quarter's salary. Jefferson and Madison were likewise so involved that it was with difficulty that they could be induced to remain in public life. Hamilton and a dozen others had their fortunes still to win, or rather still had to work for independence in life. The seat of Government was undetermined, and there was no metropolitan city to attract like London or Paris. To ask men to travel from Georgia or New Hampshire, or the backwoods of Kentucky, on horseback, or in coaches, or by sailing vessels, and spend a year in gratuitous labor for the country, while their estates were lying idle, and their families embarrassed

by the general destitution, was to ask an impossibility. Men were quite as patriotic as the present millionaires of the Senate, and quite as desirous of securing respectable, intelligent gentlemen for associates, but they knew perfectly well that the burden was greater than could be borne, and therefore it was that, without any thought of securing the services of those poor men who are best known to us in these times as professional politicians, they provided a compensation for members of Congress.

The peculiarity of the legislative service is that it does not assign to a man a daily routine of hard work, and does not (except in the cases of a few of the leaders) require of him the sacrifice of his entire time. Hence, if he is in tolerably independent circumstances. he can serve in a legislative body gratuitously or for the sake of gaining some distinction. In every moral community there are also a fair proportion of men who are willing to give a good portion of their time to the public for the mere reward of accomplishing some good. Such men we see in our school boards and public charities working zealously, accomplishing much, receiving nothing. The finest talents in America have always been ready to give to the country all it would take of unpaid, well-performed service. But the policy has been to pay for ignorance and blatherskite. Our wide extent of territory, the great distance to be travelled over to the national capital, the unequal dissemination of wealth, unquestionably still operate to require Congressional compensation. But it is still a question whether we should pay our legislators at the same rate that we pay men who have official drudgery and direct personal responsibility, a daily task to be performed without power of adjournment and with but little in the way of distinction or promotion, and who are obliged to sink their own business in the business of the Government. Mr. Carpenter unconsciously furnishes a demonstration against himself when he shows us that while he was receiving \$5,000 a year as a Senator he was also making \$10,000 a year as counsel in the Supreme Court. The Judges of the United States, on the other hand, are expressly prohibited by law from practising in any court; and the executive officers of the Government are practically cut off from the advantages of private business; it is only members of Congress, who at best give their divided time to the country, and who, in many instances (like that of Mr. John Morrissey), can do nothing whatever for their pay, who are able without fear of dismissal, or even official censure, to make money by doing outside business. The great number of our legislators forbids, from the economic point of view, the payment of an excessive salary, though the causes which we have indicated require a reasonable allowance toward a member's expenses. But experience proves that with every increase of pay there is a diminution in the quality of our representatives, and that remunerative legislative salaries are breeding a class of professionals whose trade is politics, and whose only livelihood is what they can make out of their seat. The nearer we have approached to gratuitous service, the more pure and honorable that service has been; and while poor men may have been debarred from taking to Congress for a living, an intelligent and upright legislature has secured the greatest good of the greatest number.

RECENT EXPERIENCE OF HARVARD COLLEGE IN ELECTIVE STUDIES.

THERE was a vague but very general impression a few years ago that if the elective system were introduced into the older American colleges, the practical sciences, as they are called, especially physics, chemistry, and natural history, would crowd out the study of the ancient languages. There was also a feeling that the obvious utility of the modern languages, and particularly of French and of German, would help to throw the "dead languages" into the background. A great many enthusiasts fancied that the beatissimi sæculi ortus, the good time a-coming, was at hand, when books would be thrown aside, and all intellectual activity would be narrowed down to the study of physical nature; and so much noise has been made about the natural sciences that a great many people undoubtedly think this is the principal if not the only subject taught where an elective system prevails. The Harvard University Catalogue for 1872-73 groups the elective

studies of the three upper classes under nine heads, and gives the number of students electing every individual study. This convenient arrangement enables us to ascertain the exact numbers in the nine departments enumerated in the catalogue; in other words, to ascertain what it is that the masses of students feel the need of most, and flock to most, when the choice is left entirely to themselves. We have taken pains to add the numbers together, and think the following summary, in which the order of the catalogue is followed, will be interesting.

To prevent misunderstanding, it may be well to say that the numbers do not represent *students*, but *elections*. A student may elect Freuch, German, Spanish, and English, in which case he would count *four* in modern lauguages; or, if he chooses physics, chemistry, mathematics, and natural history, he will count *one* in each of those departments.

1.	Ancient Languages Modern Languages	8, .		. 541	VI.	Mathem: Physics	atics,	ing.	Chem	istry		114
III.	Philosophy,			. 79	AUI	Natural	History		·		, .	154
	History, Political Science		0	. 193	13.	Music,		۰		*	4	9

The absolute number of elections in ancient languages (under which the catalogue includes 14 students of elements of Roman law, 13 students of Hebrew, and one of Sanskrit) is 541; exceeding the numbers in modern languages (under which the catalogue includes 3 in Anglo-Saxon, 10 in the history and grammar of the English language, and 30 in English composition and English literature) by 105; exceeding the number in physics (including chemistry) by 342; exceeding the number in natural history by 387; exceeding the combined numbers of physics and chemistry and natural history by 188.

The following table, in which the departments are arranged in the order of numbers, shows the percentage or relative number of students in each department, for every hundred students in ancient languages:

Ancient Languages,			100	Natural History.			28
Modern Languages,			80	Mathematics			21
Physics and Chemistry			37	Philosophy, .			15
History,			35	Political Science.			12

The above percentages may be compared or grouped in different ways. Taking the fashionable division into "literary" and "scientific" courses, we may arrange them thus:

Ancient Languages,	0		100	Physics and Chemi	stry	K			87
Modern Languages, History,		-	 80	Natural History,				0	23
Philosophy,			35 15	Mathematics, .	0		4		21
Political Science, .			12						
			941						00

The above combination gives 242:86, or something short of 36 students in the "scientific" course to 100 in the "literary" course.

Perhaps some objection may be taken to the classification made above. The modern languages may be regarded from two points of view. In one sense they may be called "literary," in another, regarded merely as a means to an end; to aid the student in scientific or professional work, they may be called "practical." So, too, with mathematics; as a preparatory study it is practical, as a disciplinary study it may fairly be put with the classical, historical, and philosophical studies which make the ground-work of the old-fashioned college. If, therefore, we choose to make another division, perhaps equally fashionable, into "disciplinary" and "practical," we find by reversing the positions of modern languages and mathematics:

Ancient Langu	age	8,			100	Modern Languages,				80
History, .			*	*	37	Physics and Chemistry,		*		87
Mathematics, Philosophy,		9		0		Natural History, .	0		0	28
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					185					145

By this arrangement the disciplinary studies preponderate over the practical in the ratio of 185: 145 or 100: 78.

The figures show conclusively that, in spite of the crusade which has been carried on against the ancient languages, they still are full of vitality, still a power, still a popular study, and, in fact, the greatest interest in the little college world. As our enquiry is purely numerical and statistical, we do not ask why the students make the selections they do. Doubtless the reasons are not very obvious; still one fact is plain, that they are not guided wholly by utilitarian views.

Correspondence.

JUDGE CRAIG AND THE CHICAGO, BURLINGTON, AND QUINCY RAILROAD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NATION :

SIR: In several of your articles concerning the war upon railroads in this State, especially those in which you consider the election of Mr. Alfred M. Craig to the Supreme Bench, I notice that you have fallen into the error of

supposing that his election was due mainly to the support given him by the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy R.R. Company. I write this wishing and hoping that I may correct this false impression which you have, and trusting that the articles which you hereafter publish upon this subject may be fairer and more likely to place this Company in a better position before the people of this and other States.

My connection with this Company has been such that I can truthfully assert that its officers in no word, act, or deed during the late canvass attempted to affect the election of any candidate for the Supreme Bench Indeed, the policy of this Company has always been not to mingle in politics at all

As a reader of and subscriber to your paper, I think its arguments and conclusions on this "Farmers' Movement" generally sound.

Respectfully, L. O. Goddard.

CHICAGO, July 21, 1873.

[After looking carefully over our references to the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad, we are unable to find that we ever said that the election of Judge Craig was "mainly" due to the efforts of that road. We have said, on the authority of statements in the Chicago Tribune—statements uncontradicted, so far as our observation goes—that Judge Craig had acted as attorney of this road, and that the road helped to secure his election. If these statements can be disproved, we shall certainly be very glad of it.—Ed. NATION.]

Notes.

IEUT. STEEVENS, U.S.A., commander of the expedition sent into the territory east of the Jordan by the American Palestine Exploring Society. reports progress in his own department of the expedition, which is remarkable, considering that this is the first season in which the party has been in that difficult field. A base line of five miles has been accurately measured, and four hundred square miles triangulated, and the details nearly filled in. The suspicions of the natives are very embarrassing, and it is difficult to keep cairns up long enough to take observations. Meanwhile, Professor Paine, who has charge of the department of archaeology, has had the satisfaction of making some identifications of extreme importance. Mount Pisgah, from whose top Moses viewed the Promised Land, is satisfactorily identified for the first time, and Mount Nebo is for the first time accurately described. Tristram's descriptions were found to be exceedingly inaccurate, as is also Van de Velde's map of this part of Palestine. After spending some time in Medeba, from which Mr. Shapira professes to have obtained a large portion of his so-called Moabite inscriptions on pottery, they are inclined to discredit all of them.

-The fifth annual convention of the American Philological Association was this year held at Easton, Pa., and began on the 22d instant, the session lasting through that day and the two following. It was not a large gathering, nor were the proceedings of so much importance as in some previous years. It cannot be expected, in so vast a territory as ours, that every philologist should be able to attend every meeting, especially in a place like Easton, quite out of the centre of scholarly activity. Still there was a fair attendance, especially of the younger philologists, and the temper of the assembly was very good. It is beginning to be understood that the Association is organized for the advancement of genuine philological enquiry, and not for the display of shallow theories, nor, primarily, for educational ends. It was wisely decided, however, a year ago, to organize a special pedagogical section, which might hold separate meetings; the present year the amount of matter presented was so small that the pedagogical meeting took the place of the regular meeting on Wednesday evening. On Thursday evening, a reception was held by the citizens of Easton in the opera-house, and on Friday, the members of the Convention were invited to an excursion to Manch Chunk and the "Switch-back." Of the regular proceedings of the Association, the most noticeable and valuable was on the afternoon of the first day, and consisted in some remarks by Mr. J. Hammond Trumbull, of Hartford, on presenting a vocabulary of a native dialect of the Isthmus of Darien, by Commander Lull. This vocabulary, just made, when compared with a very meagre one of the same dialect, made nearly two hundred years ago, was found, so far as the latter extended, essentially to coincide with it; this fact, Mr. Trumbull observed, is of importance in view of a remark made by him in the published volume of 'Transactions,' as to the constancy of Indian dialects, and will serve to refute Max Müller's view of the exceeding changeableness of the language of savages. This led to an interesting discussion, in which

others took the same ground with Mr. Trumbull. In the afternoon of the second day an animated debate was excited by a paper of Prof. Goodwin's, on the classification of conditional sentences. The lamented death of Prof. Hadley, and the absence of Prof. Whitney, who have been the two most active and influential members of the Society, were evidently much felt by those present. On the other hand, a very noticeable feature of this meeting was the number of young professors, recently from Germany, who took no very active part, but whose presence and influence promise well for the future. Another interesting feature was the wide extent of territory, and the number of institutions represented. The fifty-two members present were from seventeen States of the Union, several of them from the South, and the District of Columbia was also represented. The new President is Prof. March, of Easton, and the next meeting is to be at Hartford, on the 14th of July, 1874.

-Some of our readers will thank us for directing their attention to two articles in the June and July Practitioner, the subject of both being the affection known as "writer's eramp." The essayist bases his articles in part on his observation of ten cases which he has personally treated within the past year, and of which he gives many interesting details. There has been of late years an increase, he says, in the number of sufferers from this rather obscure disease, and this increase he attributes to the increased use of metal pens. In regard to the popular explanation of this effect of using metallic pens he has nothing to say; that explanation ascribes the complaint to an electric current generated in some way not minutely described, and conducted by the metal to the muscles and nerves of the fingers and arm. On the contrary, he attributes the ill effects of the use of these pens, as distinguished from quills, to the fact that one must bear on harder in driving the former over the paper than in writing with the latter; and it is fatigue that he thinks the primary cause of the complaint. In the ten cases which he has had in hand this year, he has noticed that a very efficient secondary cause of the cramp was the mental condition of excitement induced by the discovery that the disease existed, and this condition he observed to be aggravated when the sufferer was ignorant that any such disease was laid down in the books and known to the faculty. The patient at first attributed his lack of power to "foolishness," against which he must struggle with the determination "not to be beaten." In this struggle of course he fails; the hand continues to lag behind the will; and perhaps there is added to this very sufficient cause of mental distress the further cause that the obstinate right hand may be the sole source of income, and the sufferer finds not only his will disobeyed, but that every attempt to earn his living is balked by an unknown and non-apparent agency. "One of my patients," says the doctor, "was, in fact, upon the verge of suicide"; and another had, in a moment of desperation, driven a knife into the offending member at the wrist. Of course worry and anxiety set in, and, reacting on the nervous system whose disorder has occasioned them, the general health of the victim becomes seriously impaired and the progress of the disease rapid. The great cause of the chronic fatigue which is the primary cause of the complaint, is a too prolonged stimulation of the muscles of pen-prehension, and this stimulation may be either artificial or the natural stimulation of the will. Thus, Schumann, the composer, who began learning to play the piano late in life, found, as other pianists find, that the ring finger of the right hand is the most troublesome of all. In order to strengthen it, he suspended from the ceiling an elastic cord with a loop at the end, and, passing his finger through the loop, he exercised himself in depressing it. This exercise he practised to such excess that by and by he had so fatigued the muscles involved that the finger was worse than useless. And this case may also serve to show not only that too prolonged stimulation may be the cause of disease, but also that too frequent stimulation is to be avoided Our essayist is of opinion that the cramp which occurs in dairymen while engaged in milking, and the occasional cramps of pianists, are due to the frequency of the successive stimulations, and not to the prolongation of the stimulation. One interesting phenomenon connected with writer's cramp, a phenomenon which we have all noticed, and which most of us have probably noticed in our own personal cases, the writer cannot explain, and that is the associated movements which often accompany the act of writing. When, for instance, Mr. Sam Weller wrote his valentine to Miss Mary, his behavior was such as to lead directly up to the supposition that he deceived his father as to the real reason of the abrupt termination of that letter. His father remarking that it seemed to come to a close very suddenly, his son rejoined that therein lay the true art of writing loveletters; you must always break off so soon that the party addressed shall wish there were more, which, however, the party addressed would be safe to do were the letter as long as the great Tartar epic poem-seventeen English miles. But philosophy apart, Mr. Weller, when he began to put his composition on paper, found it necessary "to recline his head on his left arm, so as to place

his eyes as nearly as possible on a level with the paper, and while glancing sideways at the letters, to form with his tongue imaginary characters to correspond "—a mode of writing very conducive to brevity and an abrupt closing of the epistolary effort. Directions for the treatment of writer's eramp are deferred, and that topic will be the subject of an article in the *Practitioner* for August. Meanwhile, quill-pens would seem to be indicated.

—Mr. Sabin informs readers of the Bibliopolist that Mr. Karl Hillebrand, writing to him from Florence, says that, having had the privilege of looking through the collection of papers left by the Countess Guiccioli, he found some valuable remains of Byron. Among these, besides the manuscript of a work by the Countess, entitled 'Byron's Stay in Italy,' which is full of contemporary notices and unpublished letters, are autograph manuscripts of many of Byron's writings, and, what is a good deal more important, an extensive correspondence, dating from 1820 to 1823, "which, however, is hardly adapted for publication." The countess had possession of the original manuscripts of several cantos of 'Don Juan,' and the whole of 'Marino Faliero' and 'Dante's Prophecy.'

-We have received from the Bureau of Education its first circular, which contains historical and current statistical information in regard to public instruction in Spain, Bolivia, Uruguay, and Portugal. None of it is to be called original in the sense of coming at first hand from American sources, unless we are to give that name to a report on primary education in Portugal, which is the work of Mr. J. C. Rodrigues, the editor of our New York illustrated journal O Novo Mundo. For the reports on secondary education in Portugal, Commissioner Eaton is indebted to the official report of the Brazilian Minister in Lisbon, and to an article in Schmid's 'Educational Cyclopædia.' This latter source has been found fertile, as we have from it the historical summary of instruction in Spain as well as in Portugal, while in the case of Uruguay and Bolivia the reports have come through the Brazilian Minister at Washington from the Brazilian envoys at Montevideo and La Paz. Schmid's historical survey of the Spanish system of education is done with characteristic minuteness, and has a word to say about the Iberian peninsula while it was still in the possession of the Iberes, and before the invasion of the Phenician, the Greek, the Roman, the Visigoth, and the Moor. Indeed, it has a word to say about the prehistoric Celts. It first begins to be minute, however, after Sertorius had established himself in Spain in 83 B.C., and in the exercise of his far-seeing sagacity had gathered together at Osca (Huesca, in Aragon) a large school of young men who were at once students and hostages. We are told of "the Spanish nobles Trajan and Hadrian," of Porcius Latro, of Marcus Annæus Seneca and Lucius Annæus, of Quintilian, Columella, Pomponius Mela, Silius Italicus, Florus, and the other distinguished Spaniards who "had a share in the literary renaissance which characterizes the period between the reign of Vespasian and the time of the Antonines." With equal thoroughness the Gothic schools, such as they were, are handled, and the institutions of the Jewish doctors and the Moors. This will be found a useful synonsis.

-Of the present condition of education in Spain there are no later statistics than those of 1867, although, as may be supposed, there has been no lack of decrees of a later date than that year. There were then 1,425,339 children in all the public and private schools, or 338,761 more than there were eight years before, in 1859. Comparing the census of the two years the percentage of increase in the number of children attending school would be found nominal, if indeed there were any at all. One person out of every thirteen in the kingdom would appear to be at school. In Massachusetts, in 1860, the proportion of school-goers to citizens of all ages was as one to four and a fraction, and the whole country over it was about one to six, though we believe this holds good of the whites only. In Portugal things are, if anything, worse than in Spain. In the one as in the other there is a good enough system on paper, but the schools are bad, the teachers sadly underpaid-the salaries ranging from \$175 a year to \$100-state supervision good for little, and attendance very poor indeed. So, too, of Bolivia, while Uruguay might perhaps have been in somewhat better case "but for the constant political disturbances which have prevented the proper carrying out of many provisions of the educational law, and have kept especially the rural population in a state of deplorable ignorance," and which among their other results have prevented our Bureau of Education from procuring any very trustworthy or otherwise valuable reports of the state of education in Uruguay and others of the countries figuring in this "Circular of Information."

—That Keble borrowed the title of 'The Christian Year' seems probable. On the authority of Mr. Parker, the son of the eminent Oxford publisher, the Churchman's Shilling Monthly, as quoted by Mr. J. Sabin, makes the following statement: One morning Mr. Keble, entering Mr. Parker's shop, saw at the top of a sta'rease leading to a gallery of book-shelves a work in twelve volumes,

entitled 'L'Année Chrétienne'; he at once asked leave to examine it, and a short time afterwards 'The Christian Year' appeared. And yet we may say that the scheme' of Mr. Keble's work almost necessitated the title which he chose. At all events, the matter is of no consequence, except as mildly interesting to the readers of the most widely-read book of our day. We have seen it stated that within five weeks after the copyright expired, a little time ago, no less than ten editions of this marvellously and worthily popular work were put on the market. It is now forty-six years and more since the first edition appeared on the 22d of June, 1827. In December of that year came the second edition; in March and August of the following year there were two more; in 1829 there were two more; but after that year the sale slackened until 1845. Then the book took a fresh start, and the sales have gone on actively ever since, till there have been we do not know how many editions of it.

-The third number of Brownson's Quarterly Review ought to please alike the most zealous sort of Roman Catholic and the most zealous sort of Protestant. How it may be looked on by Protestants and Roman Catholics not so zealous is another matter. Nothing could exceed it in its uncompromising presentment of Roman Catholic views. The article entitled "The Church above the State," for instance, and those respectively entitled "Whose is the Child?" and "Papal Infallibility," assert, in language of the plainest, that Roman Catholic parents cannot send their children to the common schools without a violation of their consciences; that rulers govern in their states subject to Papal interference whenever they infringe the law of God, of which law the Pope is the only authorized expounder, and that Catholicism was never rendered a greater service than when Papal infallibility in matters of faith and morals was decreed as de fide. This latter article on infallibility is addressed to the so-called Inopportunists, or Roman Catholics who, while believers in the dogma, thought that the fit time for promulgating it had not come. Very different has long been Dr. Brownson's opinion. The Council was especially wise and prudent, he maintains, in doing just what it did at just the time when it didperhaps might better have done it sooner; the necessities of the times demanded it: it was necessary both for its influence on the faithful and its influence on "the world"; Catholics were suffering greatly from the want of it; when the Syllabus came out, in 1864, had not nearly every one of the condemned propositions in it been defended by professedly Catholie writers - by professors, journalists, statesmen, politicians, and jurists; by Döllinger, Gratry, Montalembert, Cavour-and this although the Pope had previously condemned nearly all these errors in encyclical allocutions or special bulls? Was there not, then, the most pressing need for declaring them utterly erroneous? Did not many Catholics, so-called, go so far as privately to express regret that the Syllabus had been put forth? Had not good Catholics been for generations compelled to admit that possibly Gallicanism also might be sound Catholicism? And as for the world's people, it is useless for Catholics to try to live without giving offence to Cæsar and his Protestant and infidel allies. Nay, it is worse than useless; it is pernicious to the interests of Catholicism; for Mr. Brownson has observed in his intercourse with heretics that it is wisest in the long run to give them undiluted Catholicism, the pure milk of the word. After all, you cannot alter the law that the world hates God; and Protestants know that if the true faith is truly stated it must make them feel their "enmity towards God." "They distrust our sincerity, honesty, and perfect frankness in declaring our doctrines more than they do our doctrines themselves," and believe any Catholic to be equivocating whose doctrinal treatises look to them fairly acceptable-which is saying a great deal, but which, nevertheless, points to a truth; Protestantism was not born and does not exist because Roman Catholic writers wrote evasive or incomplete treatises; nevertheless, Protestants know something of Catholicism made easy, and do distrust the class of treatises which come under Dr. Brownson's condemnation. The other articles which we have mentioned are equally outspoken, lucid, and vigorous; and so, for that matter, are all their companions-the essay on "True and False Science" (which deals with Mr. Parke Godwin's letter to the Popular Science Monthly); "Science, Philosophy, and Religion" (a hard-hitting review of Professor John Bascom's Lowell lectures); "Darwin's Descent of Man"; "Sisters of Mercy," and the literary notices and criticisms. The entire hundred and forty-two pages may be read with a high degree of satisfaction; and, of course, in one way of looking at the matter, with a far higher degree of dissatisfaction. People who read for a vicious entertainment will be pleased with some of the language of our author: a long extract is taken from Professor Bascom's book, to show the "philosophical ineptness" of the professor, who is "a mere psychologist and no philosopher"; Dr. Brownson was "brought up among ignorant and bigoted New England Puritans"; Lubbock, Taine, Büchner, Huxley, Herbert Spencer, and others of the same genus "richly deserve

that public epinion should brand them with infamy as the enemies of God and man"; "General Grant, without a spark of religion, is ruled chiefly by the Methodists, the most unprincipled, unserupulous, and bitterly anti-Catholic sect to which Protestantism has ever given birth"; probably the devil has "never performed a more masterly feat than that of persuading modern nations, while he is carrying them away in his train, that he has no existence-is a mere ens rationis"; "the bastard daughter of Heury the Eighth" Dr. Brownson has from his boyhood always "held in utter detestation"; "Catharine the Second of Russia was a saint in comparison to the Virgin Queen of England," and so forth, and so forth,

RECENT NOVELS.*

MISS ALCOTT'S latest novel, 'Work,' is rather a more serious book than her 'Little Men' and 'Little Women, which, as far as bookselling was concerned, were very successful volumes. That this is a simple novel of anusement can hardly be pretended, or, if it is affirmed, it can be reasonably denied; it is rather a contribution to the literature of the "labor question" and the "woman question," as they are called, which questions are the latest that it has become the fashion to treat under a veil of fiction. In general, however, it may be said that, unless the writer on these topics has better command of his art than is the case with most people who have practical ideas to advocate, he seldom does more than devise a combination of circumstances which fits just the particular case in point and no other; he is about as far from settling the general question as would be a man who should propose building a large separate asylum for every foundling orphan in a great city. It is never an easy task to convey amusement and instruction in the same breath; the best amusement is generally found in company with instruction in very general principles. A novel that is written to teach the young women of New England who become domestic servants cheerfully to blacken their master's boots and to sit down to dinner with the colored cook, will probably be found to lack some of those qualities which arouse other feelings than a feeling of curiosity as to what may be said about a question which is generally discussed. A novel which is so totally devoid of imagination as 'Work' is nothing as a work of art; as a guide for poor girls, it is useless; for the invention of incidents is made so much more prominent than the treatment of character-character as modified and affected by external circumstances, which is what those concerned are most interested in-that it conveys no information that can be of any use in one case in a hundred. The following is a meagre outline of the story: The heroine, a young girl of twenty-one, makes her first attempt at supporting herself by entering the house of some vulgar people as a maid-of-all-work, although she is of a far higher nature than her master and mistress, as she shows, among other ways, by her lack of prejudice against color. She is devoted to literature, and sets the house on fire by reading in bed, for which she is most unjustly dismissed. Then she becomes an actress, afterwards a governess in a household where the flippant belies speer at her, and a jaded man of fashion, the brother of the lady who employs her, a giddy worldling, falls in love with her and offers her his hand and much gold; she refuses him, however, and becomes the companion of a genteel maniae, who in time commits suicide by cutting his throat. Nor should we forget that she is also employed as a sewing-girl and leaves that occupation because she stands up for the girl who has had a misfortune. In due course of time, she meets her fate, one David; they are married; he goes off to the late war of the Rebellion as an officer, and she goes as a nurse. He falls on the field of battle, leaving her to a lonely life. A posthumous daughter partly consoles her, and the rest of her days she devotes to good works. It is a book that was evidently inspired by excellent motives.

Miss Preston's ' Love in the Nineteenth Century ' is better than its title, which does not give an accurate impression of what the book contains. It is called a 'Fragment,' and so it is, inasmuch as all the love is omitted, and instead we have an account of a rather interesting friendship between a young man who is decidedly inclined to be impertinent and a young woman who is a great deal too good for him. He is a journalist, and she a well-educated girl; their story is told in the form of letters which they write to one another after they have agreed to keep the question of marriage in abeyance unt l they have fuller knowledge of their own minds, or rather until they really fall in love with one another. These letters are very naturally written. They show a good deal of crude thinking; but on her part at least there is seen

^{*} Work. By Louisa M. Alcott. With Hustrations. Boston: Roberts Brothers.

Love in the Nineteenth Century: A Fragment. By Harriet W. Preston, Author of 'Aspendale.' Boston: Roberts Brothers, 1873.

'A Slip in the Fens. A Novel. With Hustrations.' New York: Holt & Williams.

^{&#}x27;A Sup in the reas. A Novel. By Ivan Turgénieff. Translated from the French and German Versions. (Reprinted from Every Saturday.)' New York; Holt & Williams. 1873.

a very amiable desire to make the best she can out of the world. They exchange their views about "culture," for they worship all the brand-new idols; she defends the French, he the Germans, for it all took place only three years ago, during the last war; he argues in defence of wealth, she praises graceful poverty, and by-and-by they are married and dwell in much comfort just off Beacon Street in Boston. On the whole, the book gives a favorable impression of rather nice people, and especially of their bookishness, and will by no means do away with the impression so general in other parts of the country that Boston is the home of pure intellect, where the emotions are kept hatched down and under the most rigid control. The story is well written, and it should not be passed by without attention's being called to the prettiness of its external appearance and the beauty of the print, which make it one of the handsomest books of the year.

One of the dullest books of the year, as duil as a Long Island beach, is 'A Slip in the Fens,' a raw production of a writer who wisely keeps his or her name concealed. There is a girl who lives in the fens in the neighborhood of Cambridge, England, and who is lovely and attractive in the eyes of man. There are undergraduates, some serious, some frivolous, who wander across the fens. One falls in love with the girl, but he falls out again, and marries some one else in his own station, and nothing comes of anything; people are introduced, but they disappear without any bearing on the story, which stops after filling the requisite number of pages.

A more valuable addition to the Leisure Hour Series, which, in general, is well selected, is Turgenet's 'Dimitri Roudine.' Like almost every one of his novels, it is one of his best. Mention has been made in these pages already of the qualities which are most prominent in his other tales. In this one he has made an interesting study of character in the course of the story, but in such a way that the reader does not feel as if he were called to give his attention to a skilful use of the dissecting knife, or to an artfully contrived series of incidents which should call forth certain traits in the hero, but he rather is shown a person who, besides being endowed with certain qualities, is a real character, a genuine human being. The story is so well told that the reader never knows until the end, and if he is wise he is not overcertain then, what is the real nature of the man a few chapters in whose life compose the book. Judging fairly another human being is always so hard a task that one is generally too ready to catch some prominent trait and to use it in explanation of any obscurity or in blame of any error in the conduct of the person concerned. And if this is the rule in life, and only great insight or long and careful experience can wean one from this habit, it is certainly true of novel writers. See, for a glaring instance, Miss Edgeworth's novels, which illustrate moral traits as her contemporary Joanua Bailey's plays each illustrate a single passion. 'Take her 'Helen,' for example-a novel, by the way, which might much better be read than half the novels of the day; in that work Cecilia, like the genteel lady in the game who is always genteel, is always lying. On the other hand, there are hosts of modern novels in which the writer turns advocate, and seeks to whitewash vice by claiming pity on account of the force of the temptation. In the case of the novel before us, Turgenef tells the story of the life of a man whose aim was always better than his deed; but we are not taught to execrate him as Mr. Fitzjames Stephen execrates the idle, nor to pity him as a being superior to those whose nature keeps them in the right path, but rather to understand him, to see the complexities of character in a fellow-creature whom it would be easy to denounce, but whom also it is our duty-and our duty from a sense of fairness, not from anxiety to do the generous thing-to condemn with gentleness in our heart.

The scene of the novel is laid in Russia. A inily named Lassonnski, consisting of a mother, a faded beauty who has a high opinion of her own abilities, and her daughter, Natalie, a charming young girl such as Turgenef draws so well, is spending a summer in the country. With them is a sort of halffriend, half-secretary; his name is Pandalewski. Besides, there is an old friend of the family named Pigasoff, a sharp-tongued, crabbed man. In the neighborhood is another family, consisting of Alexandra Paulovna Lipina, a young widow, and her brother, Sergius, a rather ordinary man, very quiet and reserved. Another character is Michael Michaelovitch Leschnieff, a man of twenty-eightor thirty, who has the reputation of being eccentric. There are slight indications of some tender interest in Natalie on the part of Sergius. Almost by chance Roudine is introduced. He spends the evening with them, taking the lead in the conversation, completely vanquishing Pigasoff, who throws himself in his way. Daria, the lady of the house, is attracted by his eloquence, and invites him to become her guest for some time-a proposal which he readily accepts. Natalie is interested, almost fascinated; for he is a clever man, and he talks well-fervently about external things, and pensively about himself. In the course of a few weeks, he brings himself nearer the young girl, who pities him sincerely, and who sympathizes with his eager yearnings for success in life. It is needless to say that under the cir-

cumstances none of the men lavish much affection on him. In time he declares his love to Natalie; but the mother, who had regarded her daughter as a mere chit, had got wind of the affair, and Roudine, finding the ground unfavorable, and having more than half assumed a passion which he did not feel, leaves the place. Natalie suffers, but her youth and strength bring her through her misery. He does not render her whole life unbappy. Meanwhile, there are other lights thrown on Roudine's character. Michael had known him when they were both young men at the university. Roudine is now thirty-five, and in speaking of him to Alexandra, Michael acknowledges his fascination, but looks on him with considerable asperity. Later on, when he is married, he inclines to more lenient views, and in the last chapter of the book there is an account of a meeting between the two old friends, which is as pathetic as anything the story contains. By this time Roudine has become prematurely old and worn; one delusion after another has left him; he has learned the hollowness of his hopes from bitter experience. He gives his friend an account of all he has done since they were last together. They part and never meet again. We last hear of Roudine's throwing his life away on a revolutionary barricade in 1848 in Paris.

If nowhere in this novel are we led to an injudicious admiration of the hero, we are nowhere led to a clumsy or brutal condemnation of him; he is put before us as men are in life, with a mixture of good and evil which it is by no means easy to unravel, though in certain parts of the story we can have no other feeling than strong disapproval.

THE MAGAZINES FOR AUGUST.

READERS of the August Atlantic who know the writings of Mr. Henry James, Senior, will be likely to turn first to that gentleman's review of a book entitled 'Modern Diabolism,' written by a Mr. Williamson. "A grim book," the reviewer calls it-and certainly it has some grim enough things in it, though most people will judge these to be very thoroughly whelmed in its extreme silliness. What is in the book, however, is of less interest than what is in the review of it. The modern diabolism of which Mr. Williamson treats is "commonly called Modern Spiritualism," he says, and the narration of his experience which he lays before his readers is much the same as that of dozens of "mediums." Mr. Williamson began his profitable industry by accustoming himself to sit at a table with a pen in his hand and wait till a person from "the other world" should come and make the pen write, his object being communications such as are written to spiritualists. He desired to ascertain whether we continue to exist after the death of the body, and whether the alleged facts of spiritualism are caused by beings of another world. Naturally, it was not long before he was visited by a spirit-a Miss Ellen Macauley. She had, while yet among us, led a very depraved life, she said; she was still pursuing the same career in the spirit land, and she had no desire or intention of reforming. This young woman's communications seem to have set Mr. Williamson's mind at rest as to our existence after the death of the present body, and to have convinced him also that the facts of spiritualism so-called are caused by beings of another world; but he was not left dependent upon her communications alone. Several other spirits, some male and some female, began to converse with him, and to these the spirit of Miss Macauley objected strongly. So strongly, indeed, did she object, that one night Mr. Williamson was awakened by feeling that some one was grasping his throat and trying to choke him, and, on enquiry, he learned that it was Ellen, who said that she intended to choke him to death. Twice or thrice she made the same attempt, but Mr. Williamson had from the first perceived that the spirit had no power to affect his breathing, and, aside from the annoyance of its preventing sound sleep, he cared little about it. But a short time after these assaults, he awoke one night with a violent palpitation of the heart, and with limbs partly paralyzed. It was Ellen again, who informed him that she had been operating on the action of his heart, and that if she had been allowed one hour more she would have stopped its beating for ever. This frightened Mr. Williamson seriously, and his concern was not diminished by what Ellen said to him on the succeeding night as he was getting into bed-that she should "renew operations again as soon as he got to sleep." But if Ellen objected to Mr. Williamson's relations with other spirits than herself, the others were equally opposed to his intimacy with her, and one of them, a Mrs. Arnold, who knew of Ellen's proceedings, told him one evening that if he would sit up awhile she would bring the spirits of his father and another male friend, and if Ellen did not then go away, these gentlemen would "kill her." The male spirits were brought according to agreement, and sure enough Ellen's communications suddenly came to a close, but whether on account of her second decease, or because she was prevailed upon to stop by milder conciliations, Mr. Williamson does not know. He knows that after that, to his great relief, no more was heard of her by him.

What Mr. James does with this mass of valuable matter is to assume its truth, and proceed to account for Ellen. The doctrine of the philosopher Swedenborg, so far as it relates to the unhandsome facts with which Mr. Williamson chiefly deals, may be thus stated: Even as the air of our atmospheric world, the world of unrest, the home of the cloud, the mist, and the tempest, separates the earth and the sun, tempering the light and heat to our necessities, so an analogous moral atmosphere surrounds our humanity, tempering the rays of the creative love and wisdom, and housing for a period that vast body of crude, unannealed existence, too good to ban, too bad to bless, which nature sloughs off, but which is far too crude for spirits to assimilate. This is Swedenborg's "world of spirits," as distinguished from his "spiritual world," which latter is his beaven and hell, and is the residence of souls finally sifted. His "world of spirits" he represents as answering in spiritual physiology to the stomach in natural, and after a while reducing the hardest moral material to the softest and most fluid chyle, here fit to be taken up into the spiritual circulation, there to be cast out into the waste places. Now, in cases like Ellen's it is to an altogether morbid and preternatural condition of this "world of spirits" that we are to look for the philosophy of the infestations of which we have for some years been hearing so much; and precisely this morbid condition we find now existing. The cosmical stomach is equally liable with the natural stomach to grow dyspeptic, to reject its food undigested; and dyspeptic is just what it is at present: is not Christianity undergoing a moral and rational purgation quite revolutionary? are not institutions once venerable now distrusted and menaced? have not our intellectual skies grown dark above our heads, and is not our once solid moral earth quaking beneath our feet? It may easily be seen, then, what augmented hordes of human beings are daily sent into the "world of spirits" devoid of hereditary faith and hope, nay indifferent to all religious faith and hope whatever, devotees, perhaps, of sheer naturalism. Of such was Ellen. Thus by putting Swedenborg and Williamson together do we find that they mutually elucidate each other, and that any little difficulties which may have discovered themselves in either do simultaneously and swiftly disappear.

Following Mr. James's applied Swedenborgianism is another chapter of Mr. Robert Dale Owen's exceedingly readable autobiography, and these, with Prof. Shaler's "Journal of a Naturalist," we find the most taking papers in the magazine. Good reading for a pessimist and the "laudatores tempores acti" is Mr. W. J. Hoppin's "Contemporary Art in Europe." It is very encouraging indeed. Nearly all the articles are good; but two of the poems are oddly marred in the first stanza, and in the case of the "Intaglio Head of Minerva" the defect is a pity, as the poem is a good one. But it is of a kind of poems that require the last perfection of finish, or they are nothing; and the last degree of finish is not given when Minerva is spelt with a final r. Very pleasing in its simplicity, both of sentiment and expression, is another of the Atlantic's poems—Mrs. Anderson's "Poor Marie."

Readers of the Galaxy will find in the article entitled "The Parkman Murder" a revival of an old horror. To some it will have an interest of a certain kind, as being among old impressive reminiscences—their first murder, perhaps, or their great local tragedy. But we should say that, to the majority of the Galaxy's readers, its interest would be of a kind which it is better not to excite. A good article, if we are to accept its historical statements, is that on the cavalry charge at Balaklava and the controversy thence arising, by a writer unknown to us. It charges Lord Lucan with extreme wrongheadedness and obstinacy, and exculpates entirely not only Lord Cardigan, who simply obeyed positive orders from Lucan, but also Captain Nolan, who carried to Lucan orders which Lucan never obeyed. It closes thus:

"The dead Nolau could not answer; the living Lucan could speak in Parliament if he was not worth much in the field. Cardigan was his brother-in-law, and the two stuck together against the world, although they hated each other cordially. Between the two, the dead man's reputation was ruined, and all because he was poor and friendless. There was none to defend his memory. Kinglake himself, while carefully exhuming the truth, seems so blinded by the prejudice engendered by these two powerful noblemen, that he speaks only in a pitying and apologetic tone of the unfortunate Nolan, blaming him greatly for disrespect to what he seems to consider a superior officer. In fact, one thing about his whole conclusions is very noticeable. Nolan, dead in 1854, is blamed; Cardigan, dead a year before the book was published, is blamed with some sharpness; Lucan, the real and only cause of the disaster, as shown by the facts, is hardly blamed at all. But then Lucan is still alive, and an earl is a very powerful man in England."

General Custer ("Life on the Plains"); Mr. Theodore S. Fay ("The Revolution of 1848 in Berlin"); Mr. De Forest ("The Wetherel Affair"); Mr. R. G. White ('Linguistic and Literary Notes and Queries"), and Carl Benson ("Casual Cogitations"), are among the authors who fill up the August Galaxy. "Carl Benson," writing of coincidences and plagiarisms,

speaks of a misreading of a passage in Polybius to which we may possibly owe an episode in Flaubert's 'Salammbo.' This novel has for its subject the war between the Carthaginians and their mercenaries after the First Punie war, and what Polybius says is that at last Hamilear shut up the mercenaries in a defile with "the beasts" and slaughtered them all What Polybius means by the beasts is the elephants of the mercenaries, for, as the dictionaries point out, Polybius habitually uses $\theta\eta\rho io\nu$ instead of $\partial \omega \phi a c$. Flaubert, mistranslating the $\theta\eta\rho io\nu$ into "wild beast," proceeds to draw a tremendous picture of lions, tigers, and other carnivora driven by Hamilear's orders into the defile occupied by the mercenaries, where they devour those wretches, horse, foot, and dragoons, to the last man.

Mr. "Carl Benson" thinks that in making this discovery he may have found only a mare's nest, and that Flaubert may not have made use of Polybius, or may not have been misled by him; and, indeed, French writers of the school of Flaubert are capable, without aid, of great things in the way of battues and the like. In the Catholic World, M. l'Abbé Casgrain depicts for us a tremendous contest between a Pottawatomie and a Canadian rattlesnake, who comes out from a bush, near which the Indian is, at the moment, caught fast in a window or air-hole, through which he is trying to squeeze himself for purposes of burglary. The snake approaches the robber slowly and carefully, "as if aware of the strength and power of his redoubtable adversary." When within a few feet of the Indian, it raises itself up-on the tip of its tail apparently-and springs at its enemy. The latter, moving as quick as lightning the hand that is free, strikes the snake aside with a force that throws him some distance. Twice this happens. At last the serpent, now thoroughly aroused, "foaming at the mouth," its jaws swollen with rage, and draw ing so near as to be almost within reach of the hand of the savace. springs forward and fastens his fangs in the dark cheek of the Pottawatamie, who, instantly seizing the writhing body, tears his victorious but captive enemy to pieces with his teeth. A few hours later, they find him black as ink and otherwise in a condition which can better be imagined than described, though if necessary the description may be found in full in the Catholic World. "Providence had indeed terribly avenged the assassination of the young officer." The Pottawatomie brave had just previously killed a Freuch lieutenant, and Providence took this means of bringing him to his senses.

In Scribner's, an article which some of our readers will perhaps wish to read is Mr. Fitz Edward Hall's conversational account of the various pandits whom he employed when in India; Mr. Bret Harte has in this magazine the beginning of a story which opens promisingly; Mr. John Hay versifies a fine Buddhistic legend; Mr. Burroughs has a capital article on the bluebird, and is as well worth listening to as he always is when he speaks of birds and woods and beasts. He is evidently one of the men whom nature imbues with her own spirit, if we may say so. Of such there are one or two in a generation among the crowds of men who imbue nature with their own personal feelings. Or, rather, it is something like this proportion that holds among lettered and literary men, while the proportion among men and women in general is doubtless larger. Scribner's has also an article on Nantucket. which is good, though one might wish a slight infusion of guide-book. Now that from June on to the middle of November everybody puts scenery in print, it is a relief to come upon some advice about steamboats and hotels and rates of expense.

Lippincott's opens with the clever "New Hyperion," which does not deteriorate, although less than at first is it a gentle travesty of the old Hyperion, and rather is something done for its own sake. It is a pity the pictures cannot be put in better relations with the parts of the letter-press which they illustrate. This is the more to be desired because they are whimsical and allusive and punning pictures rather than direct illustrations. The story is in the nature of a luxury, and its full enjoyment should not be interfered with even by small disagreeables. We may recommend also to our readers a description of some of the vegetable wonders of Singapore, written by Mrs. Fanny Feudge, whose accounts of white pineapples and similar fruits ought to be enough to drive a vegetarian wild; while the blossoms she has seen will make her the envy of ladies who read of them. This latter class of readers will also find in Lippincott's a very goose-fleshy little collection of ghost stories almost of the regular approved kind, everything being present except the chain which clanks on the stairs.

Mr. Reginald Wynford can tell most people more about English deerparks than they now know, and his article will be found interesting for other reasons besides; Mr. Black's "Princess of Thule" now promises to be a story of his sad kind; "Inside Japan" is a great deal better than most articles on this subject, though the book descriptive of the Japanese and explanatory of their recent remarkable history is still a desideratum. "Oue Monthly Gossip," which is always worth reading in Lippincott, and different from the same and related departments in other magazines, is as good as

usual: a sketch entitled "A Monologue," which makes a young girl at the opera depict for us her changing emotions, is neatly and spiritedly done.

"Ten Years among the Boating Men," a timely article by Mr. William Blaikie, well known as an oarsman at Harvard some ten years ago, may be found in the August Harper's, and so may the beginning of a thorough account of the Sandwich Islands by Mr. Charles Nordhoff; a striking article about the young children employed in New York City at various trades; and a good quantity of other matter. It is hard to realize that in New York and the neighboring districts, practically a part of the city, there is an army of 100,000 children-" little slaves of capital," the writer calls them-constantly employed, and a corps of 15,000 "floaters," or children on their way from one factory or workshop to another. It is so stated in this article, which gives in detail the number of children at work in several of the occupations which employ them, and which seems to have been prepared by some one who had all the facts at hand. In closing, he speaks of a bill, seemingly very reasonable, which has been prepared for the regulation of factories employing persons less than sixteen years old, and says that certain manufacturers of Albany, last winter, exerted themselves in opposition to it. Whether or not it became law we are not aware, but if not, we here in New York are far behind other countries and other States, and are far short of justice or a prudent regard for the safety of the community. Benevolent persons will find this a useful report.

VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL WORKS-CLASSICAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND MISCELLANEOUS.

NOST of the Latin school-books which have appeared of late belong to some series, and about such collections in Latin one may be pardoned for feeling a little distrust. From the veteran book-maker, Dr. William Smith, who is never disposed to let a chance for a book escape him, we have a new edition of a 'Student's Grammar,' in 395 pages. The leading idea seems to be this: to "cover"-we believe this is the term used in speaking of patents-everything which has a bearing on Latin. The first and second parts contain the Accidence and the Syntax, to which is appended a Syntaxis Ornata. This part of the syntax, which deals with peculiar expressions and style, is entirely out of place in a Grammar. But over and above this we have chapters devoted to the style of different writers, of Sallust, Cæsar, Cicero, Livy, and Tacitus; and this extraordinary farrage is topped off with an Etymology. taken from Corssen, and the usual Appendices. While the old saying may hold, nullum esse librum tam malum ut non aliqua ex parte prosit, Dr. Smith's compilation certainly makes a poor show by the side of Mr. Roby's Grammar, of whose second edition we hope to speak by-and-by, or the work of Prof. Key, who is once in a while carried away by a whim, but always han-

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dles the Latin language with refreshing originality. Time-honored custom has prescribed that metres shall be attached to grammar, though, properly speaking, they make no part of it. But we must be jealous of further intrusions; it will never do to make grammar a sort of repository of miscellaneous information. It may be very convenient to have stylistic, and even historicoliterary notices in a grammar; so too it would be a convenience to have on the fly-leaf of the grammar the days of sailing of the ocean steamers, and the numbers and situation of the fire-alarm boxes. There seems ground for the apprehension that our teachers and pupils will learn so much about Latin and Greek, that they will know neither Latin nor Greek; if by know we understand not a mere kennen, but a können, as it is well put in Nägelsbach's pithy dictum: "Der Lehrer muss Latein nicht bloss kennen, sondern können.

Mr. Bartholomew's grammar is not so pretention, and has more unity of plan; it will be found really more serviceable for learning Latin. With some flaws in detail, and some traditional errors, it nevertheless shows a general acquaintance with the results of recent scholarship. In the dispute of the noun and the verb about precedence, the pas is accorded to the verb. There is something to be said in favor of this, and yet some beginners may find it easier to learn the inflexious of the noun first, from their greater simplicity. But after all it is very much like that question which will never be settled, unless perhaps at Penequeese this summer, gallina prius an ovum exstiterit. Practically it does not make much difference which one begins with; for as soon as the boy begins to translate, and he ought to begin as soon as possible, he will need both nouns and verbs. Inasmuch as this is the time of year when teachers' conventions are wont to meet and get confused over the subject of Latin pronunciation, it will not be amiss to quote Mr. Bartholomew's views on that subject:

"For many years prominent Latin scholars have carnestly considered the expediency of restoring the Roman pronunciation of Latin. Individual efforts toward reform could effect but little, especially when directed against the prejudices of long-established usage and national pride; and yet, in exposing the gross absurdities which characterize the two prevailing systems of pronunciation—the English and the miscalled continental methods—they greatly stimulated investigation. But more recent researches, made in the light of comparative philology, have cleared up many doubtful points in the main, have satisfactorily answered the difficult question: How did the Romans themselves pronounce their words?"

The 'Syllabus of Latin Pronunciation,' recently prepared by the Professors of Latin in the English Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, agrees in all essential points with the system adopted and recommended by one of the oldest universities in our own country; and the sauction of the authorities gives assurance that uniformity in pronunciation may soon be secured. and that, too, on the foundation of historic truth.

A collection of Orations of Cicero, by J. H. and W. F. Allen and J. B. Greenough, contains some interesting orations and parts of orations not commonly included in school editions, with instructive notes. For the benefit of such people as believe in learning to swim with corks, we mention a Casar's Gallie War (five books), by "C. A." The main feature of this book is a reprint of the whole Latin text in the English or supposed English order. To our mind this is a hindrance to the principal object aimed at in studying Latin, which is ultimately to read the Latin authors as the Romans could read them themselves.

We have examined with care the Readers published by Messrs. Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., and they appear to us good. Whoever was learning his letters thirty years ago, or twenty, and has not had to repeat the process since or has not worked in the school-room, has no conception of the extent to which reading seems to have been made easy. Between the old fashion of learning the A B C by main force of memory and the way now pursued, the difference, on the surface at all events, appears to be worldwide. The boys and girls are to be pitied as born too soon whose first speculative effort was a wonderment over the fact that the a of "a-b, ab" sounded not at all like the "A" to which they gave its name when they pointed it out on the card-board. Or it may be that their successors are born too late; few either of the learners of to-day, or of those who learned their letters long ago, are competent to settle the question whether bald memorizing of the alphabet or a philosophical and scientific approach to its difficulties is better. The tendency of the text-books, however, is now all in the direction of the latter. This is the way in which an infantile pupil is taught out of the newest 'First Reader.' To begin with, "his attention is to be called to the picture," and the pictures are quite taking. It is in this case a picture of an ox, and apparently this "unhastic beast" is selected to start the pupil on his travels because "round 0" is the easiest letter of all to be acquired; because X, also, is very easy, and because the animal is already an acquaintance of the child's. But first he must repeat the name of the ox several times, and repeat it distinctly, and must also learn to name the other animal that enters into the lesson. This is the "fox," and it may be reasonably hoped that when

the exercise is over the child can name the two animals aright, and has learned "o" and "x," and probably "f." But there is more for the acolyte to do in this lesson: he must learn to spell "ox" phonetically, giving to the letters their powers, and not their names. Here, and just beyond here—where he must be instructed "how to place the organs of speech so as to secure distinct articulation"—apparently may be his first puzzle; but otherwise this first lesson appears to be an excellently easy means of entering on a literary career. "The spelling, pronouncing, and reading exercises of this book," says the editor, "have been very carefully arranged, with a view to their progressiveness, simplicity, and naturalness," and we think that his word may be fully accepted. At the end of the book the pupil is advanced so far as to be using a good-sized vocabulary of monosyllables, and is ready for the 'Second Reader.'

The 'Second Reader' launches the student on the more troubled waters of the full tide of vowel sounds. He must know that the sound of "a" in "far" is numbered as the third sound of that vowel, and that the diacritical mark distinguishing it from the six other "a's" consists of two dots above the letter. A one-page treatise on punctuation this volume also gives, as well as instruction in articulation by means of exercises; and some insight into the nature of script hand may be got by a rhyming alphabet, in which that kind of character is used. In the 'Third Reader' the elocutionary exercises are made much of; lessons in definition supplement former lessons in pronunciation, and the practice of analyzing the lesson, in answer to questions from the teacher, begun in the 'Second Reader,' is continued in greater amplitude in this. The 'Fourth Reader' is distinguished by more exhaustive instruction in elocutionary principles, and of course by a maturer literature. Perhaps we may set thirteen or fourteen or fifteen years as the general age at which the last volume of this series will be useful; though we ourselves found them far from unentertaining as we ran through them. The selections are not hackneyed, and we saw none to which any exception could be taken.

Another 'Fourth Reader' that we can commend thoroughly comes to us from Louisville, Kentucky. It seems to us a highly sensible book. Mr. Noble Butler, its compiler, has in a very great measure freed himself from the task of teaching by direct rules the principles of elocution in its numerous and very difficult departments. Rules of this kind are in his belief "of as little use as rules for walking." The child "must learn to read well before he can understand rules, and then rules only tell him what he does without rules." Doubtless they do something more than that; formulating knowledge has as many conveniences as pigeon-holing documents, and more, and is for many reasons not to be despised; but his first remark has, we think, much good sense in it as pointing away from a rock on which many split. If the other volumes of Mr. Butler's series are as good as this one, he has given his young compatriots of the South a useful set of manuals. Not that this book is not adapted for use in all parts of the country so far as regards its political tone-a statement that cannot be made concerning every Southern text-book. But a good number of the faults which Mr. Butler assiduously sets himself to correct are distinctively Southern faults of speech, and to lecture Northern pupils in reference to them would be like addressing the schoolboys of Louisville on the defects of the Cape Ann dialect. Among the corrected errors which we noted as we turned over the pages are "mauster" for "master"; "necked" for "naked"; "idea" (sometimes heard in the North, but oftener in the South) for "idea"; "put" for "put" (of which the same remark might once have been made); "fawther" for "father"; "mo" for "more"; "woosh" for "wish"; "Jeems" for "James," a very common Southernism; "path" rhyming with "hath"; "pusson" for "person"; "potion" for "portion"; "cherfully" for "cheerfully"; "endyerd" for "endeared"; and a number more.

From the same house we have a posthumous work on elecution and the philosophy of vocalization, which merits a part of the same general praise that we have given to Mr. Butler's 'Reader,' that is to say, it is not weighted down with an enormous quantity of technical rules, and diagrams, and pictures—anatomical, geometrical, and pictorial—on a matter which we suppose every teacher of elecution that ever lived would admit must be taught viva voce. Yet Mr. Bronson talks very fully, beginning on the nostrils, and urging his readers to breathe properly—a function which the mouth can never perform for the true orator—and ends with a large and fairly well-chosen collection of duly accented and italicized pieces in prose and verse.

To anybody who wants to load himself down with a more exhaustive and ambitious treatise, we can recommend the work of Mr. Andrew Comstock, assisted by Mr. Philip Lawrence. In this volume he may once more see the same young gentlemen on whom he used to gaze with astonishment in the introduction to 'Lovell's Speaker' a generation ago, and in works still older. Here they all are, with the same tight-fitting pantaloous, cut to the exact shape of the lower limbs, and revealing so plainly the articulation of the

leg-bone and the thigh-bone at the knee; we see the same straight-cut bodycoat with the wide lapels; the same fine expressive countenances as the gentlemen step forward, or start backward, or bow down with "divers cringes," as Evelyn said about the mass priest, under the influence of terror, or veneration, or pride, or aversion, or hope, or deprecation, or despair; the same remarkable systems of dotted lines surround each orator, and show as of old what cycles and epicycles, orb on orb, the hands described in giving dumb language to the various passions and emotions of the human soul-how the left hand of Satan, at the moment when he said "Princes," in addressing the rebel angels, was parallel with the cap of his shoulder, the thumb-edge of the hand being presented to the audience, and the hand held palm downward; how at "Potentates," the next word of the speech, the hand was stretched high above the head, palm outward; how at "Warriors," the third word, the left hand was extended downward so as to be parallel with the waist of the archangel, who wears in these spirited illustrations a Roman helmet, and a tunic belted around the middle; how at the phrase "Flower of heaven," the left hand went up above the head again, palm outward; how on each of these occasions the right hand was as vigorously and variously used as the left, and how the legs were not idle-all these visions may be beheld again by purchasing Messrs. Comstock's and Lawrence's 'Manual.' Much more may also be found in this book, a deal of it being such as only a musical person could understand, for the management of the voice is as fully and learnedly treated of as the motions of the legs and arms. Mr. Lawrence appears to have selected the prose and verse of this collection; and we have him again, quite untechnical, in a good enough collection of his own.

Curious for several reasons is the 'New Japan First Reader,' a queer little evidence of the vast change that has come over the Land of the Fountain of Light. The object of the compiler is different from that of most persons whose business it may be to make a primary reading-book. The Japanese boy who wishes to learn English is, as a rule, too old for the simple language which, although Mr. Griffis stigmatizes it as "baby-talk," is all well enough for the English and American beginners. The young Japanese "has usually passed the age of dogs, cats, rats, and foxes, and wishes something new. Having to crack hard nuts, he wants kernels"; he wishes for ideas, not discipline; to read, not to converse; to get information, not to learn idiom. Mr. Griffis's 'Reader,' then, although it begins small, and gives a small quantity of phrase-book matter in the first few pages, soon goes on to convey information of several degrees of importance concerning "our institutions," and the habits and customs of the American people. To this there is added some precisely similar information about Japan and the Japanese. Thus the American mode of dress, both the women's and the men's, is described and illustrated with woodcuts, the black dress-coat, bythe-bye, covering the form of the most prominent and gentlemanly person of the male group. The personages in the female group are all cheaply and modestly attired, and will perhaps serve to correct the false impression of our countrywomen conveyed by a Japanese artist who was over here a few years ago, and who borrowed his portraits of female Americans from journals of but slight claim to character. Then comes some letterpress and pictures relative to Japanese dress, which, we are told, is being superseded by our own costumes. Descriptions are also given of the American dwelling-house, breakfast-table, steamship, railroad, gasworks, and system of chronology, and of the Japanese abacus, man-power wagon, pack-horse, and coins. The book gives but very few and very faint indications of a wish to prose-

"Putnam's Elementary Science Series" (G. P. Putnam's Sons), now in course of publication, will comprise more than twenty small text-books on mathematics, physics, chemistry, natural history, and their practical applications. The series is an English one, and has been prepared with the special view of meeting the wants of "students in science and art classes and higher and middle class schools," and for the most part with direct reference to syllabuses furnished by the Government Science and Art Department. A part of the work has been done sufficiently well (as far as can be judged from an examination of the eight books already on sale), while other parts seem to have been allotted to persons only indifferently qualified for the task, and certainly inexperienced in the preparation of text-books. The 'Introduction to Astronomy' is conspicuous for its bad treatment of the subject, as well as a general clumsiness and obscurity of expression. Its chief faults are a lack of clearness in setting forth the elementary conceptions without which the beginner can make no progress, and the utter failure of the attempt to present in simple language such difficult matters as Foucault's pendulum experiment, the universal law of gravitation, and the methods of determining the distance of the sun. A single quotation will suffice to show the faulty character of some of the definitions. "The perpendicular distance [of a star] north or south of the equator is called t! e

declination, and the angular distance measured from the starting-point along the equinoctial is called the right ascension." The use of the two terms "equator" and equinoctial is unnecessary, to say the least; while the contrasting of "perpendicular" with "angular" distance, which is found again in the definitions of celestial latitude and longitude, is certainly misleading. To the subject of "Steam and the Steam-engine" two books are devoted; the one professing to treat of the "Locomotive," the other of "Land and Marine Engines." Why two volumes are printed instead of one we are unable to see. Nearly one hundred pages out of the one hundred and sixty in each volume are identical word for word, the two prefaces are alike, with the single exception of the word "locomotive" in one where "steam" is found in the other. By omitting what is introduced about the construction of railroads and other irrelevant matter, the two volumes could easily be brought within the compass of one, though even then the work would not be of much use to the students in the schools of this country. This leads us to say of the 'First Book of Mineralogy,' which in the main has been prepared with good judgment, that to any one who intends to pursue the subject further with the aid of American books its value is materially lessened by the fact that the nomenclature and classification adopted are so different from those in use by the best American mineralogists. A similar criticism would not hold against the 'Machine Construction and Drawing,' or the 'Practical Plane and Solid Geometry,' both of which seem to have been prepared with care. In regard to the latter there is some danger of the reader's being misled by its title. 'Practical Solid Geometry' is synonymous with descriptive geometry, as the term is used in this country. The writer has explained quite clearly the elementary principles of descriptive geometry, and given a very fair collection of problems on lines and planes, which our teachers of industrial drawing can put with advantage into the hands of their pupils. The Messrs. Putnam also aunounce an 'Advanced Science Series' as in course of publi-

Lockyer's 'Spectroscope and Its Applications' (Nature Series: Macmillan & Co.) is a handsome and handy little volume, giving, in the form of three lectures delivered in 1899, but now carefully revised, and in some parts expanded, a simple and attractive account of what has been done and is doing in one of the most interesting fields of modern scientific research. Though it may be regarded by some only as an introduction to a more extended course, yet it will be none the less welcomed by the general reader who wishes to keep as well informed as possible of the course of scientific discovery.

We have had opportunity to examine the proof-sheets of about half the new (4th) edition of Elderhorst's 'Blowpipe Analysis' (T. Ellwood Zell), edited by Professors Nason, of Troy, and Chandler, of Columbia College. The form of page has been changed, and numerous alterations and additions made. The insertion of woodcuts in the opening chapters remedies an important deficiency of the earlier editions. The revision seems to be thorough, though we cannot help wishing that the editors had abandoned in the third and fourth chapters the awkward abbreviations of Bx. for borax, Blp. for blowpipe, and S. Co. for cobalt solution, the three together occurring not over three dozen times in seventy-five pages. R. Fl. and O. Fl. occur more frequently, and are not so objectionable. The new edition, like the previous ones, will be confined to qualitative analysis.

Professor Warren's 'Elementary Course in Freehand Geometrical Drawing' (John Wiley & Son) is, we believe, both the last and the least of his numerous works on kindred subjects. Primarily intended for students and young draughtsmen, its forty-eight pages of examples and practical hints will be equally suited to the wants of all persons who have a fondness for training the hand and eye to the accurate estimation of distance and direction. The subject of "Geometric Symbolism," which makes up the concluding chapter, we hope the author will not expand to any greater length, at least not in a text-book. The conchoid of Nicomedes or the hyperbola may be more symbolic, but this will hardly overbalance the material advantages of a quadrangular arrangement for university buildings.

Two recent botanical works deserve somewhat special notice on account of their importance and wider than common interest. The new 'Genera Plantarum,' by Bentham and Hooker, having now advanced to the middle of its second volume, gives fair promise of early completion. The first 'Genera Plantarum' by Tournefort, the second by Linnæus, and the third by Jussieu, each in their day marked and made an epoch in the science. In this generation, that of Sprengel was only an edition of the Linnæan work, that of Endlicher a literary rather than an originally scientific elaboration. The present work is the true successor of that of Jussieu, and equally represents the result of a complete study of the original materials themselves, so far as they can be had; and the Kew establishment, now the acknowledged headquarters of botany, has almost everything within its reach. The amount of labor involved in a work like this, even after a lifetime of prepara-

tion, is immense. It is not a case of editing and combining the works of others, but of doing the work themselves, every order being actually elaborated by one or the other of these authors. In the portion recently published, for instance, there is the order of Composite, which comprises a full tenth part of all flowering plants, and that of Rubiaceæ, if only half as large, yet in proportion twice as difficult, each embodying a fearful amount of work such as requires uncommon courage to undertake, and calls for the unbounded gratitude of the systematic botanists of the day, for whom "the rough places are made smooth."

The 'General System of Botauy' is an English translation and edition of Le Maout and Decaisue's 'Traite Général de Botanique," just published by the Longmans. The translation is by Mrs. Hooker; the editorial work, appendix, etc., by Dr. Hooker, the new and worthy president of the Royal Society, the only naturalist (in our modern sense of the word) who has held that distinguished office since Sir Joseph Banks. The volume we are noticing is a stout, small quarto of over a thousand pages, containing 5,500 figuresadmirable woodcuts. Most of these figures are strictly original and from M. Decaisne's own drawings. Those which are not are taken from the best original sources, of which none make a better appearance than those of Isaac Sprague. These 5,000 illustrations of the second and main part of the work ("Descriptions and Illustrations of the Orders") render it of inestimable value to all serious students, especially to those who have not access to a full botanical library; and few indeed in this country possess that advantage. The first part of the book ("Outlines of Organography, Anatomy, and Physiology") is brief and somewhat restricted in the English edition. It is very good, but not so surpassingly excellent. The main body of the work well supplies, in this country and in all English-speaking countries, a great want. Particularly is it to be commended to medical students, all the medicinal and principal economical plants being indicated. It may help on the restoration of botany to its legitimate place in medical education in the United States. In no other part of the world, perhaps, does botany enter so conspicuously into a common education. In no other is it excluded from the medical curriculum.

To the already vast number of German grammars Dr. Henn has added a very rudimentary one, for which hardly more is claimed than that it is a modification of Ahn's 'Grammar.' It contains the slightest number of rules—none at all for the declension of nouns, for instance. In short, it gives the meagrest outline of some principles of German grammar, and occasionally with a very unsatisfactory statement; as when we are told that the German i is pronounced like i in bit, or ee in meet, with no explanation of this difference. Other cases might be found. In our opinion, it would be better to have a grammar with fuller statements, of which so much as might be desired could be omitted at the beginning of the study of the language. This will give eager students an opportunity to do more work than is absolutely required of them; the other kind of grammar seems as if it were made to keep all the students on one level, and that a low one.

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The weekly statement of the city banks was favorable, especially in the item of legal tenders, which show an increase of \$1,084,500. The loss of about a million in deposits explains the loss also of \$1,085,100 in specie.

The following are the statements for the past two weeks:

	July 19.	July 26.	Differences.
Loans	\$289.878,100	\$289,389,100	Dec. \$489,000
Specie	32,273,600	81,249,300	Dec. 1.624,300
Circulation		27,225,100	De: 56,400
Deposits	240,204,400	239,118,300	Dec. 1,088 100
Legal tenders		49,957,000	Inc. 1,084,500

The following shows the relation between the total reserve and the total liabilities:

Specie	July 19. 12,273,600 18,872,800	July 26, \$31,249,300 49,957,000	Dec. S	fferences, \$1.024,300 1,084,500
T stal reserve\$8	1,145,10)	\$91,206,300	Inc.	\$60,200
Circulation	7,281,500 0,206,400	27,225,100 239,118,300	Dec. Dec.	56,400 1,088,100
Total liabilities	7,487,900	\$266,343,400	Dec.	\$1,144,500
	6,971,975 1,271,125	66,585,850 14,620,450	Dec. Inc.	286,125 346,325

The stock market as a rule has been firm, with sometimes little "spurts" of activity. The most important features of the week have been the advance in Harlem and Western Union Telegraph, and the semi-corner in Eric. In the first-named stock, the rise of 41/2 per cent., to 134, on Saturday was due to large purchases by prominent operators, whose movements are supposed to have been caused by an offer of \$3,000,000 to the Company for the city railroad. and the expectation of an extra dividend in the shape of scrip or bonds, based on the enhanced value of the city property, and also representing an undivided surplus, which under the terms of a recent lease with the New York Central is no longer required to be withheld. Telegraph stock has been remarkably firm on reports of an expected stock dividend, supplemented by vigorous purchasing on the part of Commodore Vanderbilt's friends, and their frequent hints that the inevitable Jay Gould had been caught short, and that the contest was really one of pluck and pocket between himself and the Commodore. In the Erie corner, but little trouble was experienced in making deliveries, and on Saturday the stock declined at the close to 5934 against 61 cash at the opening. The redistribution of Northwest and its handsome carnings combine to promise renewed activity and higher prices for that oldtime favorite. In St. Paul, an evident effort is being made to keep down the price to allow of large blocks of its shares being quietly bought up by a wellknown heavy capitalist, whose efforts seem altogether directed that way; and to the initiated there are everywhere evidences upon which to base a

hopeful prospect of higher prices and the commencement of a wider speculation than has been witnessed this year. The exception to this favorable view is that bête noir of the Exchange, Pacific Mail. The negotiations for a loan on the Company's San Francisco real estate having failed, a law firm, to whom was referred Judge Pierrepont's opinion against the legality of issuing bonds, props up Captain Bradbury's backbone with an insinuation that the "general authority to sell and convey includes the authority to mortgage." This is "an opinion as is an opinion." The issue of the bonds may be confidently expected, and with equal confidence may it be conjectured that the trustees, willingly or not, will find themselves personally responsible therefor when the Company goes into bankruptey or into the hands of Mr. Stockwell and the Panama Railroad.

The following shows the highest and lowest sales of the leading stocks at the Stock Exchange for the week ending July 26, 1873:

	Mone	day.	Tue	day.	Wed	day.	Thur	sday	Frie	lay.	Satu	rday.	Sales.
N. Y. C. & H. R		104%		10136	10434	101%	104%	104%	104%	101%	101%	101%	29,010
Lake Shore		91	93%	9414	98%	93%	9334	93%	9314	91	9316	93%	44 500
Grie	6016	65	5936	62 %	60%	6134	6134	6234	6 36	63	59%	61	90,000
Do. pfd	71		71	78	72		71		72				
Inion Pacific	29%	29%	2914	291/4	2736	28%	27%	2-16	27%	1814	2734	28	25,700
Chi. & N. W	70%	7134	6536	7036	6914	6936	69%	-71	69	70%	6934	69%	27,100
Do. pid	8 16	84		84	183	84		83%	1.8	1336			800
V. J. Central	108 54	104	10334		10214	10334			102				500
tock Island	11136	1111%	110%		110%	111	110%	110%	110%	110%	110%	1:0%	14,700
dil. & St. Paul	5336	5334	5234	52 %	5196	53%	5136	5236	5136	5234	5136	5136	7,400
Do. pfd				7414			73%		7816				400
Wahash	7214	73%	71%	7236	7196	7:36	7134	7234		72	7134	71.36	25 900
D. L. & Western	10036	10134	100%	10 :36	100%	100%	100 X		10034	100%			2, 00
3. H. & Erie	3		234	8	236		236	3	234				2,700
). & M	41	4196	40%	41	3314	40%	39%	39%	39%	3136	3934	39%	44 0 0
C. C. & L. C	3314	33 %	8234	33%	3236	3 3 34	31%	3:36	311%	3214	31%	31%	10,800
V. U. Tel	90%	9.36	901/4	9214	901/4	91	90%	913%	90%	91%	911%	91%	120,200
Pacific Mall	3836	40	36%	3914	36 %	37%	36%	3334	37%	343%	8736	3836	91,100

The market for Government bonds is firm. The Treasury transactions began and ended with the sale of 5.20's last week. The week closes on the basis of 118% to 119 for the 5.20's of 1867. Transactions in State bonds have been small, and confined to the most prominent. The report of an injunction restraining the State of Missouri from selling the Missouri Pacific Railroad is not unfavorable to the State, as the unsettling of financial affairs by a sale of the roads involved in the question at issue could hardly be otherwise than calamitous. In railroad bonds the business has not been large, but has been pretty well distributed. The sinking fund loan of \$6,000,000 of the Lake Shore Railroad is reported by the agents to be closed out. Some attention has been attracted to auction sales of the bonds of the Willimantic R. R. Co. (principally known by the Brooklyn Trust Co. affair) and of the Midland equipment and Montclair bonds. The first were sold at 30, and the last two, as reported, at 14 and 40 respectively. It is announced that of the \$2,000,000 consolidated mortgage bonds which the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company propose issuing, \$3,470,000 will be set apart to retire and cancel bonds now outstanding and maturing. This year \$1,500,000 of the remainder will be put on the market to build the bridge over the Mississippi at Louisiana, Mo., purchase steel rails, etc., etc. The remainder will be "issued as circumstances may require.'

The gold market at the close of the week is dull and lower; on Saturday opening at $115\frac{3}{12}$ and closing at $115\frac{5}{16}$. The bull party has been somewhat helped by a total shipment of \$3,944,533 in specie last week, some of which, considering the low current rates of exchange, must have been for effect, like a school-boy's whistling to keep his courage up. The easy feeling and reduction of Bank rate in England have naturally produced an easier feeling in gold and exchange here. At the Treasury sale of \$1,030,000 on Thursday, the total bids amounted to \$2,635,000. Customs receipts of the week amount to \$2,472,000.

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